

Convention Manual

**TASTE AND SEE THAT
THE LORD IS GOOD**



PSALM 34:8

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

40th Biennial Convention LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT June 28-30

Taste and See That the Lord is Good!

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! Psalm 34:8

Convention Program

(All Rooms listed are on 2nd Floor unless noted otherwise)

Thursday, June 27 – Pre-Convention Agenda

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Governor's Room
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Governor's Room
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	President's Dinner	Imperial Ballroom

Friday, June 28 - Agenda

10:30 am - 10:45 am	Executive Committee Prayer	Lyon Room
11:00 am - 11:45 am	YWRs / Pages / H2H - Meet and Greet	Riverview/Plaza A&B (1 st Floor)
11:30 am - 4:30 pm	Gifts from the Heart Ingathering	Fine Arts Room
11:30 am - 5:30 pm	LWML Store Open	Registration 1
11:30 am - 5:30 pm	Registration - VOTING DELEGATES MUST BE REGISTERED BY 1:00 PM	Registration 2
11:30 am - 5:30 pm	Concordia Publishing House (CPH) Open	Show Office 1
11:30 am - 5:30 pm	Exhibits Open	Center Concourse
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Servant Events	Vandenberg A / B Room
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Prayer Room Open	Lyon Room
12:00 pm - 12:45pm	Bible Study - <i>Taste & See How to En- gage God's Word...</i> (Goettsch)	Governor's Room
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Bible Study - <i>The Sweet Savor of Inti- macy...</i> (Bushey)	Gerald R Ford Ballroom (1 st Floor)
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Delegate Orientation with Voting	Ambassador Ballroom
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Tellers Meeting	Berkey Room (3 rd Floor)
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Choir Practice	Ambassador Ballroom
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner (Plated)	Governor's Room (Overflow – Pantlind Ballroom)
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Pages Dinner and Recreation	Woodrows Duck Pin Bowling
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Clergy-Ushers Coordination Mtg	Ambassador Ballroom
5:45 pm - 6:00 pm	Processional Lineup	West Concourse
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Pre-Worship Music	Ambassador Ballroom
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Worship / Session 1	Ambassador Ballroom
9:30 pm - 10:30 pm	YWR / Pages / H2H - Afterglow	Riverview/Plaza A&B (1 st Floor)

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, June 29 - Agenda

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
6:30 am - 8:30 am	YWRs / H2H – Breakfast / Bible Study	Riverview / Plaza B (1 st Floor)
6:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast - Continental	Vandenberg A / B Room
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Concordia Publishing House (CPH) Open	Show Office 1
7:00 am - 9:00 am	LWML Store Open	Registration 1
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration Open	Registration 2
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Exhibits Open	Center Concourse
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Gifts from the Heart Ingathering	Fine Arts Room (1 st Floor)
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Lydia's Legacy Walk/Run	River Walk (Outside)
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Prayer Room Open	Lyon Room
8:45 am - 11:59 am	General Session 2 with Voting	Ambassador Ballroom
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Registration Open	Registration 2
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Concordia Publishing House (CPH) Open	Show Office 1
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	LWML Store Open	Registration 1
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Exhibits Open	Center Concourse
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Gifts from the Heart Ingathering	Fine Arts Room (1 st Floor)
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Boxed Break Out Lunch #1 1st Timer <i>Fear Not! SEE How You Can Share the Grace & Peace of Christ...</i> (Crowder)	Gerald R Ford Ballroom (1 st Floor)
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Boxed Break Out Lunch #2 <i>SEE How You Can Talk Politics & Cultural Issues with Family, Friends & Neighbors</i> (Frith)	Governor's Room
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Boxed Break Out Lunch #3 <i>The Lord IS Good – SEE How You Can Join In</i> (Fanta)	Vandenberg A Room
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Boxed Break Out Lunch #4 <i>SEE How You Can Put Your Finances to Work to Further God's Kingdom</i> (Barodte)	Berkey Room (3 rd Floor)
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Boxed Break Out Lunch #5 <i>SEE what is NEW at POBLO as you Hear about Different Techniques for ...</i> (Khan)	Haldane Room (3 rd Floor)
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Boxed Break Out Lunch #6 <i>Lunch in the Dark – Learn How to Create Awareness of People with Special Needs...</i> (Potts)	Vandenberg B Room
1:45 pm - 4:30 pm	General Session 3 with Voting	Ambassador Ballroom
5:00 pm - 6:15 pm	Plated Dinner	Governor's/Vandenberg A & B
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Taste Fest / Exhibitors	Imperial Ballroom, Gerald R Ford (1 st Floor)
9:15 pm – 9:45 pm	Candidates Meeting	Thornapple Room (3 rd Floor)
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm	YWRs / Pages / H2H- Afterglow	Riverview/Plaza A&B (1 st Floor)

Sunday, June 30 - Agenda

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Prayer Room Open	Lyon Room
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Pre-Session Music	Ambassador Ballroom
8:30 am - 10:00 am	General Session 4/Closing Worship/ Install Incoming Officers	Ambassador Ballroom
10:00 am	Local Touring (www.experiencegr.com)	Grand Rapids Area
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Executive Committee Meeting (Incoming & Outgoing)	Governor's Room

CONVENTION IS NOW OVER—ATTENDEES CAN CHECKOUT OF THEIR ROOMS BY 11:00AM

GIFTS FROM THE HEART AND CONVENTION OFFERINGS



**Lutheran Women
in Mission**
MICHIGAN DISTRICT



GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Together we can help others
"Taste and See that the Lord is Good"

Let's support our seminarians and their families with gift cards to Walmart!



Please write the amount on the gift cards.

Let's support our local Lutheran Schools!

We are collecting markers, pencils, crayons, dry erase markers, glue sticks, and disinfecting wipes.



PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE **FINE ARTS ROOM** DURING REGISTRATION AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024 AT THE AMWAY GRAND.

CONVENTION OFFERINGS

First Offering: Friday night opening worship offering will go to mites.

Second Offering: Undesignated funds that have not been specified for a particular organization using QR codes or checks will be equally divided between:

- *St. Peter Lutheran Church, Richmond, MI, Large Print Ministry*
- *Gifts for All Gods Children, Rochester Hills, MI, Christian Message Gifts*
- *Dr. Becky Grossmann, Lutheran Bible Translator among six language groups in West Africa.*



OBJECTIVES AND MISSION STATEMENT



LWML OBJECTIVES

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Work of the LWML is accomplished by the voluntary contributions of its members through Mite Box offerings. The LWML Michigan District supports its programs with 75% of the Mite Box offerings and forwards the remaining 25% to national LWML for its projects and programs.



Lutheran Women in Mission FOCUS ON:

Proclaiming Christ

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!
(Psalm 96:3).

Supporting Missions

And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”
(Mark 16:15).

Equipping Women

Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will
(Hebrews 13:20–21).

Serving Others

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another
(1 Peter 4:10a).

MISSION STATEMENT:

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

OBJECTIVES AND MISSION STATEMENT (Continued)



2023-2025 Lutheran Women in Mission
STRATEGIC PLAN

PROCLAIM CHRIST	SUPPORT MISSIONS	EQUIP WOMEN	SERVE OTHERS
As redeemed women in God's Word, we ...			
<i>inspire</i> women to be in the Word	<i>pray</i> for missions and missionaries	<i>engage</i> and involve each woman in the congregation	<i>acknowledge</i> and value all acts of service
<i>witness</i> to others and share Christ	<i>promote</i> mission awareness	<i>recognize</i> and reach out to all women as His children, each with God-given gifts	<i>remember</i> church workers in their ministry
<i>model</i> a Christ-centered life	<i>encourage</i> various methods of giving	<i>promote</i> and encourage the use of LWML resources in innovative ways	<i>encourage</i> involvement in outreach by providing flexible opportunities for each woman to serve
<i>create</i> Christ-focused resources	<i>act</i> on local and global mission opportunities	<i>create</i> resources and products for all stages of life	<i>inspire</i> women to be open to new ideas
<i>connect</i> people to scripturally-based resources in multiple formats	<i>seek</i> tangible ways to connect with missionaries	<i>provide</i> guidance and support to develop mission-minded women	<i>develop</i> servant activity ideas

DISTRICT TARGETS AND GOALS



2022- 2024 Targets and Goals:



† ENCOURAGE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Through prayer, Bible studies, lively utilization of God's Word, and fellowship, we offer opportunities for growth.



† CONNECT WOMEN

Through intentional contact, encouragement, LWML resources, local congregations, and in partnership with the Michigan District LCMS office, we strive to make women aware of LWML's mission.



Mission Statement of the LWML Michigan District Board of Directors

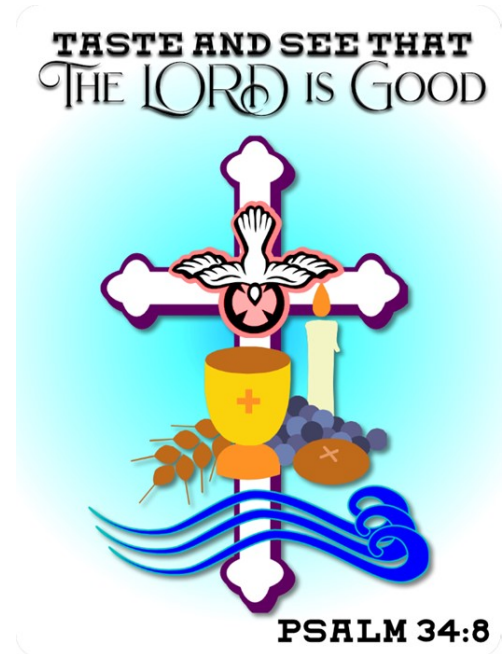
The mission of the LWML Michigan District Board of Directors is to educate, advise, and inspire the women of the Michigan District in affirming their relationship to the Triune God so that they may be enabled to use their gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Mission Statement of the LWML Michigan District Executive Committee

The mission of the Executive Committee of the LWML Michigan District is to use their God-given gifts to lead and assist the Board in transacting its business efficiently and effectively to God's glory.

CONVENTION THEME

“Taste and see that the LORD is good!” Psalm 34:8



VERSE: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Psalm 34:8

CONVENTION OBJECTIVES & GOALS

GOAL: Hearing the Lord’s voice, we are comforted and inspired to share the promise of eternal life

OBJECTIVES: Abiding in the safety of His refuge, attendees will be:

- ◆ Equipped to know that the steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is to all generations.
- ◆ Equipped to model to others that taking refuge in Christ satisfies more than any food or drink.
- ◆ Equipped to make relying on the Lord a habit.
- ◆ Equipped with confidence to share the Good News so others may taste and see that the Lord is good.

GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL LWML PRESIDENT



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the LWML Board of Directors — Lutheran Women *in Mission*! As our 40 districts meet in convention, may God be praised as you gather to worship, serve, learn, and give in response to His great love to us through Christ.

Your Michigan District, under the leadership of President MaryBeth Heikkinen, has supported the plans and programs of the LWML. I thank your district for sending delegates to the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last summer, where 31 national mission grants were chosen. Please keep those grants and the grants that will be chosen at your district convention in your prayers. We hold fast to the commitment of our mite offerings to meet our mission goal, remembering that we have pledged to our Lord “our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom.”

In the next few days, you will meet under the theme “Taste and See that the Lord is Good.” My prayer for you is that you will find joy in time spent with old and new friends and that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you as you complete His business for your district. May love and laughter fill each of your hearts as you learn from His Word and grow in His grace.

The Lord has blessed the LWML for 82 years and counting! Since 1942, Lutheran women have reached out in love and funded thousands of mission grants, prayed for our missionaries, served our churches and communities, and encouraged one another. Thank you for continuing this legacy. Moving forward we continue to trust in the Lord’s promises and focus on sharing the Good News of Christ with others.

I look forward to welcoming you, and thousands of Lutheran Women (and men) in Mission, to Omaha, Nebraska, for the LWML 41st Biennial Convention, June 26–29, 2025. Our theme, “Growing in God’s Grace” will focus on 2 Peter 3:18, *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. This is our privilege — this is our mission!

I thank God for each of you as you serve Him faithfully and joyfully. Christ’s grace and peace be with you always.



Eden M. Keepe
President,
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

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GREETINGS FROM THE LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT PRESIDENT



MaryBeth Heikkinen
President, LWML Michigan District
June 2024

Oh, TASTE and SEE that the Lord is GOOD! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Psalm 34:8 (ESV)

Welcome to Grand Rapids for the 40th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Michigan District. It is with great joy and praise to God that we gather together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord. To God be the Glory!

We have a lot of inspiring things in store for you including many wonderful Bible Studies, Break-Outs and Speakers with chosen topics that tie in with our Convention theme and goals. As we vote on the mission grants submitted from various organizations we know that our mites will have a tremendous impact both locally, around the country and the world.

Gifts from the Heart school supplies have been collected for our Lutheran Schools along with gift cards for our seminarians at Fort Wayne, IN, and St. Louis, MO. What a privilege to be able to bless our Lutheran school students and church workers in addition to our seminarians and their families!

Additionally, you will be blessing three mission projects/organizations through your convention offerings this weekend. The recipients thank you for your generosity!

- ⇒ St Peter's Lutheran Church, Richmond, MI – Large Print Ministry
- ⇒ Gifts for All God's Children, Rochester Hills, MI – Christian Message Gifts
- ⇒ Dr. Becky Grossmann, Lutheran Bible Translator among six language groups in West Africa

The **Mites In Action** Speakers who will speak this weekend are sure to inspire! These ministries are mission grant recipients that were chosen by delegates at the 2023 National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. They will tell you their stories of how God showed up and used the mites you put in your Mite Boxes to make a HUGE impact. Your generosity is an inspiration – truly!

Hopefully I will get a chance to SEE many of you and we can exchange stories of how we have TASTED and SEEN the Lord and His goodness. I have a plaque in my bathroom that says "MOTHERHOOD IS THE TOUGHEST JOB YOU'LL EVER LOVE" and I chuckle and think I need to change it to read "MOTHERHOOD AND BEING THE LWML PRESIDENT IS THE TOUGHEST JOB YOU'LL EVER LOVE". Isn't that the truth?! I am not going to say that this job has been easy, but I will definitely say that I have LOVED being your President. It has been my honor and privilege. I hope you have a WONDERFUL time at Convention.

Thank you for allowing me to Serve with Gladness these past four years,



President MaryBeth

CONVENTION RULES

STANDING RULES OF THE FORTIETH BIENNIAL CONVENTION June 28th- 30th, 2024

VOTING BODY

The voting assembly of the convention shall be:

- Two (2) accredited delegates from each LWML congregational unit within the LWML Michigan District ("District")
- One (1) Zone President or Co-Chairman from each zone within the District
- Elected Officers of the District
- District Appointed Officers
- District Standing Committees
- Past District Presidents currently members of the District

In the event neither the delegate nor the alternate is able to serve, a member of the same congregation may serve as delegate upon certification, in writing, of her Zone President and presentation to the District Recording Secretary. A majority of the registered voting delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

1. The Convention Registrar, directly after opening ceremonies, shall report the number of delegates and alternates registered as present, with the proper credentials, and shall make supplementary reports, when required, because of a change in the registration rolls.
2. An alternate may, upon proper clearance by the Recording Secretary, be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the continuance of business meetings and retain that status through the remainder of the convention. (That is: once an alternate has been certified as a voting delegate, the original delegate may not be reinstated as a voting delegate to this convention).
3. Delegates shall be seated in the section reserved for the voting body and shall wear the delegate badge at all general sessions. Young Woman Representatives and Pastoral Counselors may be seated with the delegates but not have the privilege of vote.
4. Only voting members may introduce business, second motions, debate, and vote.
5. Voting will be by electronic means. Voting members must be on the convention floor when the President announces that the voting will begin and have finished voting before the President closes the vote. Each vote will be closed before the next vote will begin.
6. Speakers from the floor shall go to a microphone, and after being recognized by the Chair, shall identify themselves by name, title, position, or zone prior to addressing the business before the assembly.
7. Discussion on any question is limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. Delegates may speak to a question a second time after all others wishing to speak about the issue have been given an opportunity to do so.
8. A written copy of all motions and resolutions, signed by the maker and seconder, shall be presented to the Recording Secretary.
9. A copy of each report, including the name of the submitter and names of all committee members, if applicable, shall be given to the Recording Secretary at the time it is presented to the assembly. If the report is included in the Convention Manual, the person reporting shall state the name of the report and the page on which it may be found.
10. If nominations for office are made from the floor, prior consent must have been secured from the nominee and brief written biography of her qualifications must be given to each member of the voting body.
11. When more than two (2) persons have been nominated for the same office, if after the second vote, none has received a majority of votes cast, beginning with the third vote the candidate with the fewest number of votes shall be dropped from each successive ballot until one person receives a majority of votes cast.
12. No campaigning of any kind will be allowed before or during the convention for proposed mission grants or nominees for office.
13. Speakers at the convention shall be present by invitation only, organizations or individuals not on the scheduled program cannot be granted podium time to present their needs or causes.

CONVENTION RULES (continued)

14. All materials for distribution at the convention must have the approval of the Executive Committee.
15. There will be no unauthorized offerings. (Authorized offerings are selected by a vote of the Board of Directors prior to the convention and are listed in the Convention Program).
16. Decisions or discussions of the convention shall be released for publicity or other purposes only on approval of the LWML District President and the Vice President of Communication.
17. The minutes of the District Convention shall be approved by the Minutes Review Committee appointed by the LWML Michigan District President. The committee members will work with the Recording Secretary to prepare a report on the proceedings within one month of the end of the convention.
18. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with Christian principles, the District Bylaws, or these Standing Rules.

Reviewed and approved by Parliamentarian, Nancy Fody 2/24/24

CONVENTION PROGRAM

“Taste and See That the Lord is Good”

LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 28 – 30, 2024

Friday, June 28, 2024

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Executive Committee Prayer	LYON ROOM
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Doors Open for Exhibitor Set-Up	CENTER CONCOURSE
11:00 AM - 11:45 PM	YWR/H2H/Page Meet and Greet	RIVERVIEW ROOM / PLAZA BOARDROOM A & B
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Registration for DELEGATES TO VOTE	REGISTRATION 2
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Exhibits Open	CENTER CONCOURSE
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	LWML Store Open	REGISTRATION 1
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Registration Open	REGISTRATION 2
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	CPH Store Open	SHOW OFFICE 1
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Bible Studies	GERALD R FORD/GOVERNOR’S ROOMS
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Prayer Room Open	LYON ROOM
12:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Servant Events	VANDENBERG A / B
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Delegate Orientation Meeting AND PRE-CONVENTION VOTING	AMBASSADOR ROOM
11:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Ingathering Drop-Off	FINE ARTS ROOM
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Tellers Meeting	BERKEY ROOM
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Choir Practice	AMBASSADOR ROOM
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner (Plated)	PANTLIND / GOVERNOR’S ROOM
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Page Activity and Dinner	WOODROWS DUCKPIN BOWLING ALLEY (INSIDE AMWAY GRAND PLAZA)
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	🎵 Pre-Service Music	AMBASSADOR ROOM
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Opening Worship Service with Communion	AMBASSADOR ROOM
6:30 PM	Opening Comments	MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
	Lighting of the District Candle	Kathy Droste, President’s Mother
	Processional Ceremony	
	Michigan District Processional Cross	
	Michigan District LCMS Banner	
	“Taste and See That the Lord is Good” Convention Banner	
	Zone Presidents and Young Woman Representatives / Zone Banners	
	Board of Directors, Elected and Appointed Officers	
	Past District Presidents	
	Heart to Heart Sisters	
	Special Guests - LWML National President Eden Keefe & President MI District LCMS Rev. David Davis	
	Convention Co-Chairmen – Ann Campbell, Linda Murdock and Kathy Cargo	
	Participating Clergy	
	DISTRICT COUNSELORS – Rev. David Wingham and Rev. Richard Robinson	
	PROCLAIMER - Rev. Mark Maas, National Pastoral Counselor	
	VP Christian Outreach – Laura Boeberitz	
	DISTRICT PRESIDENT – MaryBeth Heikkinen	
	Announcement of Worship Participants	Laura Boeberitz, VP Christian Outreach
	Announcements	Tiffany Rydwelski, Convention Manager

CONVENTION PROGRAM

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	CONVENTION SESSION 1	AMBASSADOR ROOM
	Greetings	MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
		Vice President on Stage, Sandy Newport Vice President on Floor, Laura Boeberitz
		Seated on Stage: President, Parliamentarian, Vice President, Recording Secretary
	Greetings from Hosting Congregation	Rev. Craig Bickel
	Prayer	Mary Craaybeek, VP Mission Outreach
	Pledge to Cross	led by Risto Heikkinen, District President's Son
	Welcome	Convention Chairpersons, Ann Campbell, Lakeshore Zone Linda Murdock, Ann Arbor Zone Kathy Cargo (Renita Wollberg), Battle Creek Zone
	National Anthem – "The Star Spangled Banner"	led by Convention Chairpersons
	Pledge to Country	led by Jeff Heikkinen, District President's Husband
	Introduction of Past District Presidents	MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
	LWML Pledge	led by Past District Presidents
	Opening Remarks	MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
	Crisis Management	Jacki Parmer, Social Media Coordinator/2021 YWR
	Introduction of MI District LCMS President	Ruth Steele, Personnel Records Liaison
	President's Address	President Rev. David Davis, MI District LCMS
	Introduction of LWML National Representative	Ann Campbell, VP Special Focus Ministries
	National LWML Report	President Eden Keefe
	Introduction of Gifts of Love Speaker	Kara Rawlins, Archivist/Historian
	Gifts of Love	Susan Gruber, Gift Planning Advocate/PDP
	Introduction of Special Guest	Kathy Sowers, Gospel Outreach Coord/Evergreen Zone Co-Chair
	<u>TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD</u>	Cynthia Bushey, Hebrew Language Commentator
	Closing Prayer/Announcements	Helen Travis, Asst. Conv. Mgr.
9:30 PM	Dismissal	MaryBeth Heikkinen, District President
9:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Afterglow for YWRs / H2H / Pages	RIVERVIEW / PLAZA BOARDROOM A & B
<u>Saturday, June 29, 2024</u>		
6:30 AM - 8:30 AM	YWR/H2H Breakfast / Devotion	RIVERVIEW / PLAZA BOARDROOM B
6:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	VANDENBERG A & B
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Exhibits Open	CENTER CONCOURSE

CONVENTION PROGRAM

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	LWML Store Open	REGISTRATION 1
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration Open	REGISTRATION 2
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	CPH Store Open	SHOW OFFICE 1
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ingathering Drop-Off	FINE ARTS ROOM
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Lydia's Legacy Walk/Run	RIVER WALK (OUTSIDE AMWAY GRAND PLAZA)
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Prayer Room	LYON ROOM
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	🎵Pre-session Singing led by Hannah Coomer	AMBASSADOR ROOM
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CONVENTION SESSION 2 WITH VOTING	AMBASSADOR ROOM

Vice President on Stage: Ann Campbell
 Vice President on Stage: Marie Riley
 Vice President on Floor: Mary Craaybeek

Response for LWML Michigan District	Marie Riley, VP Organizational Resources
Prayer	Kaye Wolff, District Planner
Recognition of All First Time Attendees	MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
Recognition of Young Woman Representatives	Jamie Agans, YWR Coordinator
Recognition of Heart to Heart Sisters	Kimberly Salajan, H2H Leader
Introduction of Pages	Jessica Miller, Page Coordinator/Technology Asst
Introduction of Bible Study Leader	Sandy Newport, VP Communication
Bible Study #1	Lynn Corker, Women of the Pearl
Introduction of Keynote Speaker #1	Jenny Jaroneski, Christian Outreach Coord, 2023 YWR
Keynote Speaker #1	Sarah Crowder, 1517
Introduction of Mites In Action Speaker #1	Sherri Lahrman, Servant Events Coord, 2021 YWR
Mites In Action #1 – Camp Restore Detroit	Amy Fanta, Director
Presentation of Agenda and Standing Rules	Denise Mosey, Recording Secretary
Appointments	MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
Minutes Reviewers	Grace Rosema, Grand Rapids Zone Co-Chair Kathy Sowers, Evergreen Zone Co-Chair
Teller Chair for Mission Grants	Cindy Morley, Franconian Zone President
Teller Chair for Officer Elections	Carla Elenz, Land of Lakes Zone President
Teller Chair for By-Laws	Nancy Reeves, Blue Water Zone President

Voting Members B of D	_____
Non-Voting Members of Board of Directors	_____
Total members B of D	_____
Past District Presidents	_____
Eligible to Vote	_____
Voting Delegates	_____
Others Registered	_____
Total Registration ---	_____
Eligible to Vote	_____

Results of By-Law Vote	Nancy Reeves, By-Law Teller Chair / MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
Explanation of Voting Procedures	Nancy Fody, Parliamentarian
Introduction of Nominees	Nominating Committee Carol Dehnke, Chairman Linda Blain and Kara Rawlins
Credentials Report	Candie Sionkowski/Crystal Milutin, Conv. Registrars
Prayer	JoAnn Gust, Leader Development Coord.
Convention Voting - Balloting for Candidates	

🎵Songs

led by Hannah Coomer

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

Mite Offering Update		Carol Swenson, Financial Secretary
Financial Report		Jan McKee, Treasurer
Adoption of Mission Goal 2024 – 2026		Denise Mosey, Recording Secretary
🎵 Common Doxology / Songs		led by Hannah Coomer
Introduction of Mites In Action Speaker #2		Marlene Herzog, Growth & Development Coord.
Mites In Action #2 - Lutheran Heritage Foundation		Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise, Exec Director
Ingathering/Servant Event Results		Laura Boeberitz and Coordinators Sherri Lahrman, Service Projects; Jenny Jaroneski, Servant Opp; and Crystal Milutin, Christian Materials
Invitation: 2025 LWML National Convention – June 26 – 29, 2025 “Growing in God’s Grace” Omaha, Nebraska		Jamie Agans, YWR Coord. Class of 2024 YWRs
2026 District Convention Location		2026 Convention Chairpersons
<i>TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD: HEAR</i>		Cynthia Bushey, Hebrew Language Commentator
Announcements		Tiffany Rydwelski, Conv. Manager
Closing Prayer for Second Session		Kimberly Salajan, H2H Coord.
Closing of Second Session/Release for Lunch		MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Exhibits Open		CENTER CONCOURSE
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM LWML Store Open		REGISTRATION 1
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Registration Open		REGISTRATION 2
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CPH Store Open		SHOW OFFICE 1
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Boxed Lunch Break-Out Sessions		GERALD R FORD/GOVERNOR’S/VAN A&B/BERKEY/HALDANE
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM 🎵 Pre-session Singing led by Hannah Coomer		AMBASSADOR ROOM
2:00 PM	CONVENTION SESSION 3	AMBASSADOR ROOM
		Vice President on Stage: Laura Boeberitz Vice President on Stage: Mary Craaybeek Vice President on Floor: Marie Riley
Voting Members B of D _____	Prayer	Toni Noakes, Basecamp Coordinator
Non-Voting Members of Board of Directors _____	Introduce Bible Study Leader	Barb Collins, District Newsletter Editor
Total members B of D _____	Bible Study #2	Lynn Corker, Women of the Pearl
Past District Presidents _____	Credentials Report (Mission Grants)	Candie Sionkowski/Crystal Milutin, Conv Registrars
Eligible to Vote _____	Results of the Mission Grant Vote	Cindy Morley, Mission Grants Tellers Chair, Franconian Zone MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
Voting Delegates _____	Introduction of Keynote Speaker #2	Linda Haven, Assistant to the President
Others Registered _____	Keynote Speaker #2	Rev. Mark Frith, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty
Total Registration --- _____	Recognition of New Society	Marie Riley, VP Organization Resources
Eligible to Vote _____		

CONVENTION PROGRAM

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Introduction of Mites In Action Speaker #3		Cynthia Smith-Byer, Deaf Liaison Coord.
Mites In Action #3 – St Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf		Rev. Thomas Dunseth and Diana Rice
Presentation of the LWML Michigan District Banner		2023 Young Woman Representatives
Results of Lydia’s Legacy Walk Run		Tonya Zube, Special Gift Fund Coord.
Introduction of Lutheran Laymen’s League		Natalie Johnson, Website Administrator/2023 YWR
Lutheran Laymen’s League		Dennis Engelhardt, President
Introduction of Mites In Action Speaker #4		Ruth Martin, Board Member, India Bible Study
Mites In Action #4 – India Bible Study		Dr. Paul Dasari, Chairman, India Bible Study
<i>TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD: TOUCH</i>		Cynthia Bushey, Hebrew Language Commentator
Closing Prayer/Release for Dinner		Cheryl Zastrow, Mtg. Manager/MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM	Dinner	VANDENBERG A & B/GOVERNOR’S ROOM
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Taste Fest/Exhibitors	IMPERIAL/GERALD R FORD ROOMS
9:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Afterglow for YWRs / H2H / Pages	RIVERVIEW / PLAZA BOARDROOM A & B

Sunday, June 30, 2024

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Prayer Room Open	LYON ROOM
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	♪ Pre-session singing led by Hannah Coomer	AMBASSADOR ROOM
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	CONVENTION SESSION 4	AMBASSADOR ROOM

Voting Members B of D _____ Non-Voting Members of Board of Directors _____ Total members B of D _____ Past District Presidents _____ Eligible to Vote _____ Voting Delegates _____ Others Registered _____ Total Registration --- _____ Eligible to Vote _____	Prayer Credentials Report (Officer Elections) Results of Election Appreciation for the 2024 Host Committee Closing Announcements President’s Comments and Charge	Laura Boeberitz, Vice President Christian Outreach Candie Sionkowski/Crystal Milutin, Conv Registrars Carla Elenz, Officer Tellers Chair, Land of Lakes Zone MaryBeth Heikkinen, President Convention Committee Parade Tiffany Rydwelski, Convention Manager MaryBeth Heikkinen, President
	Thanking of Departing EC/ Elected Candidates Installation	Rev. Richard Robinson, District Counselor
	Closing Celebration Sending Service	Rev. Richard Robinson, District Counselor Proclaimer: Rev. Alan Eisinger
	President’s Comments and Charge	President 2024 – 2028

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Executive Committee Meeting (Incoming/Outgoing Meet and Greet)	GOVERNOR’S ROOM
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Opening Worship Proclaimer—Rev. Mark Maas National Pastoral Counselor



Pastor Mark Maas and his wife Cheri live in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Pastor has served at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Cheyenne now entering his 28th year. He has served as Pastor in the LCMS for 37 years. During that time Pastor Maas has held numerous positions, from circuit visitor for 12 years to 6 years on the Wyoming District Board of Directors as 2nd and 1st Vice President of the Wyoming District. Pastor Maas has also served as LWML zone counselor and district counselor. Pastor currently serves as the LWML National Junior Counselor. He also serves as the director for Project: Pastoral Education West Africa. Pastor Maas has three grown children and two grandchildren all living in Cheyenne. Pastor Maas enjoys the open spaces of Wyoming when he has time to visit them, to go hunting, hiking and fishing. Pastor has Michigan roots being born in Saginaw, loving the chicken in Frankenmuth, cheering on the national football champion Wolverines.

Keynote Address, Breakout Session Leader— Sarah Crowder, 1517.org

is passionate about sharing the Gospel with freshman students as a teacher at Faith Lutheran High School in Las Vegas, NV. Sarah graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin in 2000; and earned a MA in Theology with a focus on Reformation Studies from Concordia University-Irvine in May of 2020. Currently, Sarah is in the Ph.D. program at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, with a focus on Reformation History. She is a recipient of the Rod Rosenblatt Philosophy, Theology and Apologetics fellowship. Sarah has been married to her husband, Jason, for over 20 years and is the loving mother of Katie and Brendan.



Closing Proclaimer—Rev. Alan Eisinger

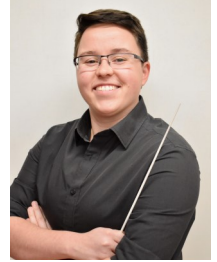


Pastor Eisinger served in active ministry for 39 years, 22 of which were here in Michigan. He retired from Holy Cross, Warren, in 2022. He currently is one of five retired pastors on the cathedral pastoral staff at Historic Trinity in Detroit. Pastor Eisinger has served as a LWML zone counselor in the California-Nevada-Hawaii (CNH) District, District Singles Counselor, District Coordinator for the 1992 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans along with planning for District Youth Gatherings in Iowa District West (IDW); Circuit Counselor, Board member and Chairperson of the Lutheran Center Association for the Michigan District. He has also been a three-time Synodical convention delegate. Pastor Eisinger and his wife Teryl have three children and six grandchildren.

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Song Leader/Choir Director—Hannah Coomer Music Director, St. John’s Church, Grand Haven

Hannah Coomer was born in Kirov, Russia, and adopted at 21 months by her mother, Darlene Coomer. Hannah has lived in Michigan her entire life. Hannah has attended LCMS churches and schools since she was 7-years-old. Hannah’s love for music blossomed in sixth grade when she first heard the new organist at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School in Dearborn, MI, playing at church one Sunday. After that, she was hooked on music and vowed “One day, I am going to do that.” She continued with her musical love and was a part of Lutheran High Westlands Choir, Band and Chamber Choir.



Following high school graduation, Hannah studied at Concordia University Ann Arbor where she earned a degree in Church Music with her main instrument being the organ. While in college, Hannah was a member of Concordia Choir, Arborsong (Chamber Choir), Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Pep Band, and Orchestra. Hannah also served as the Music Librarian at Concordia University Ann Arbor. Hannah was the main student organist leading chapels, student-led evening prayer, and helped other student leaders with the Tuesday night worship with praise music.

After college, Hannah accepted a call to St. John’s Lutheran Church and School in Grand Haven, MI, where she currently serves as the Director of Music. Hannah leads the adult choir, handbells, brass ensemble, and praise team. Additionally, Hannah selects music for all three weekly worship services, leading two services on the organ and one on piano with the praise team. Hannah is also responsible for the technical side of worship by creating the projector slides and ensuring everything sounds smooth.

Hannah also brings music education to the St. John’s students in grades K-8. As the music teacher, Hannah works to inspire students to “make a joyful noise to the Lord” as she teaches them about general music, handbells, recorders, guitar and choir. After school, Hannah works one-on-one with students in piano lessons. During Hannah’s first year at St. Johns, she wrote the school’s first fight song, updated the sound system at the church, created videos explaining church history and church music fun facts, and ensured all ensembles play or sing for special church services. She also organized a spring and winter concert for the school, and a talent show.

Needless to say, Hannah is living out her childhood dream and couldn’t be happier with her life now. Hannah wants to make a joyful noise to the Lord, and show everyone else the wonders of music and the power of music and God’s Word.

Organist –Myles Hayden

Director of Music Ministry, St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School, Frankenmuth

Myles serves as the principal organist and director for both adult church ensembles and the middle school choir. Originally from Boca Raton, FL, he most recently served as the Kantor at Grace Lutheran Church in St, Petersburg, FL. Myles’s first music teacher was his grandfather, a former Lutheran Minister of Music, Fredric Kamrath, who primarily served in the Michigan District at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids and St. Peter Lutheran Church in Eastpointe. His secondary studies include a Bachelor of Music in Church Music (Organ Performance) from Valparaiso University where he studied under Dr. Lorraine Brugh. In addition to his studies there, he worked in various music positions at the Chapel of the Resurrection including the student conductor of the Kantorei and coordinator for the Sunday Night Vesper services. After Valparaiso, he received a Master of Sacred Music degree from the University of Notre Dame which included studying organ performance with Dr. Craig Cramer and a fellowship to work as the graduate assistant of the internationally televised Notre Dame Liturgical Choir where he helped direct and accompany the choir and played masses for the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.



CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Convention Bible Study Leader—Lynn Corker Women of the Pearl Ministry



Lynn grew up in Southeast Michigan and studied Family Life & Psychology at Concordia University, Ann Arbor.

Lynn transitioned from church work to a career in Human Resources in 2008. Ten years later, she was called to motherhood through the adoption of her daughter, Newell (now age 12). Of her many passions, Lynn most enjoys travelling and teaching the Gospel to equip and empower women.

In 2011 God invited Lynn to Uganda and opened her eyes to see where He needed her at work. In 2015 she began grassroots efforts for Women of the Pearl, a ministry to help women break their poverty cycle through education in the areas of Nutrition, Sanitation, Business Ownership, Ministry Leadership, and most importantly, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pre-Convention Bible Study Leader, Taste and See that the Lord is Good - Hebrew Commentator—Cynthia Bushey Past Speech and Language Pathologist/Current Wellness Coordinator, and Biblical Hebrew Enthusiast

Cynthia has a deep love for the Hebrew language, as well as a heart for Israel. She leads Hebraic biblical classes, as well as breath prayer walks focused on developing a stronger intimacy with Christ and caring for our own “body-temple.” It is a joy to share these “timeless truths.” Jeremiah 6:16 is a strived-after lifestyle verse, “Stand at the crossroads and look: ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”



Pre-Convention Bible Study Leader— Kathryn Goettsch



Kathryn is a wife for 36 years, a mother of three adult children, and grandmother of one. Her background includes time as a full-time stay-at-home mom for 14 years and as a full and part-time CPA in individual income tax and bookkeeping for 19 years. She is a lifelong Christian who is also an art enthusiast.

Her dear friend, Michelle Ross, of Trinity Lutheran Church - Utica, introduced an art Bible study in Spring, 2023 with the text *Thirsty: Engaging in God's Word Through the Arts* (the first in a trilogy), by artist, author, and Trinity, Utica alumnus, Beth Scolaro.

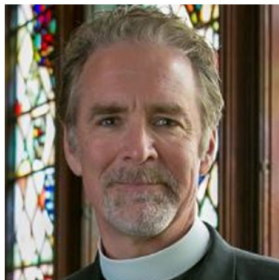
Naturally, Kathryn was enthused to participate.

After 25 years away, Kathryn and her husband returned to Saginaw. She was inspired to share the Scolaro Bible study with her new community, which has inspired MaryBeth Heikkinen to share the class at St. Lorenz.

The Scolaro study is an opportunity to expand the depth and breadth of your Christian worship experience. Each lesson is self-contained with a different art experience and provides a different way to draw nearer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through our senses and reflect on God's love and provision for us through life's ups and downs. For the person who has never attended a Bible study to the seasoned Christian, Scolaro's study opens new avenues to enrich your walk with the Lord.

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Deaf Interpreter, Mites in Action Speaker—Rev. Thomas Dunseth Ephphatha Lutheran Missionary for the Deaf, St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf



Rev. Dunseth graduated from seminary in 1993 and received his first Call through the LCMS Board for Mission Services to serve as missionary pastor in the Portuguese colony of Macau, near Hong Kong on the south China coast. There he worked with the local Chinese Lutheran church and St. Paul Lutheran School for the Deaf, which later became Concordia School for Special Education. In the summer of 2001 after returning to Michigan with his family, Rev. Dunseth began work in the Michigan District as Missionary to the Deaf. He is the vice-president and co-founder of the Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society for the Deaf, a member of the LSB ASL translation team, and a regular interpreter at LWML conferences.

Deaf Interpreter-Rev. David Bush

Rev. David Bush served the Lord as a missionary for the LCMS in Taiwan. He previously served in Hong Kong and Macau from 2017 to 2022. Bush was born in Tecumseh, Mich. He earned a bachelor's degree in English and Elementary Education from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., and his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, Ind. Pastor Bush served as a pastor and missionary to the deaf in several Midwest LCMS congregations. He taught two classes, "Deaf Missions and Ministry" and "American Sign Language," at CTSFW for 15 years.



Mites in Action Speaker– Deaconess Diana Rice Deaconess, Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf



Diana is the head teacher for St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf which is a part of the educational ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran School. She has been teaching children of all ages since 2008, including homeschooling her four Child of Deaf Adults (CODA) children. She is known for her love of serving her Lord by reaching out to many people both deaf and hearing alike.

Diana also serves as a Deaf mentor for the Community Health and Literacy program of The Holley Institute. She is a member of the Concordia Deaconess Conference. Attending the University of Macau, China, where she majored in Elementary Education, she studied ASL and English as Second Language at Gallaudet University. She also earned a second major in the Deaconess Program at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL.

Diana's love of pursuing a higher education has resulted in training in classical education which St. Martin uses as its curriculum. She holds a certificate of Deaf Mentor, training with the SKI-HI Deaf mentor program. She went on a short-term mission trip with MOST (Mission Opportunities Sort Term) to Ethiopia in 2018, serving Deaf children by providing eye care exams and glasses, as well as sharing God's Word in Ethiopian Sign language, which is close to ASL.

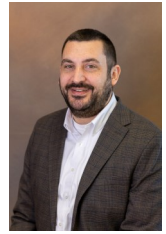
Diana loves serving the Lord and our neighbors no matter the language and looks forward to having children discover their God-given gifts.

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Breakout Lunch Session—Rod Barodte: “SEE How You Can Put Your Finance to Work to Further God’s Kingdom” Michigan District Church Extension Fund

Senior Gift Planning Counselor, Gifts of Love Ministry for LWML

As the Director of Relations, Rod Barodte travels across the Michigan District to build relationships with pastors, ministry leaders, and CEF investors. Building and maintaining meaningful and long-lasting relationships are an integral part of CEF’s mission, and it is something Rod loves to do! He uses his experience and skills to help support CEF while helping ministries Build God’s Kingdom. Rod and his wife, Alisha, along with their two sons, Judah (4) and Gabe (2), are members of New Hope Lutheran Church in Hudsonville.



Joining this session will be **Julie Burgess, LCMS Foundation**, and our **LWML Gifts of Love Advocate, Susan Gruber**.



Keynote Address, Breakout Session Leader—Rev. Mark Frith: “SEE How You Can Talk Politics & Cultural Issues with Family, Friends, and Neighbors” Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL)

Rev. Mark Frith is the LCRL’s “Champions For Religious Liberty” Network Director where he works to connect Lutherans and Congregations to an ever growing network of Champion Public Servants, who put their temporal liberties to work for the greater eternal liberties given us in Christ Jesus. Past roles and positions for Mark include being a parish pastor in two congregations, seven years in the Kansas District for missions and stewardship, two years with Lutheran Hour Ministries and 6 years with LCEF. Mark is married to Leigh and resides in Olathe, Kansas and they are blessed to be members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Olathe. They have two grown children, Aaron who lives in Baltimore, MD and Hannah who lives in Kansas City, MO.

Breakout Session—Cynthia Khan: “SEE what is NEW at POBLO as you Hear about Different Techniques for Cross-Cultural Understanding to Reach Out to those Who Do Not Look Like Us AND also Find out How to Equip Christian Youth to be able to Defend their Faith and not become Unequally Yoked”

Cynthia Khan was born and raised in Pakistan. She lived in Saudi Arabia for ten years before immigrating to North America. She has lived and served within an unusually broad variety of settings in different countries.

She now resides in Michigan but continues to travel all over the US to train and equip churches, women and youth groups on cross-cultural outreach in their own neighborhoods, apologetics and "Not to be unequally Yoked" to the youth on campuses and workplaces. She serves the Lord through POBLO Ministries and Hope Care and Beyond human care services using different evangelism strategies to meet the needs of refugees and new immigrants from all over the world now living in our neighborhoods.



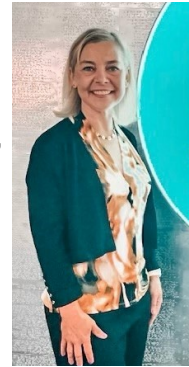
Audiences find Cynthia’s unique experiences and vast understanding of world religions and cultures extremely valuable at conventions, conferences and the many workshops she conducts nationally and internationally.

The mission field is right here; and the time is now!

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Breakout Session– Rachel Potts: “Lunch in the Dark – Learn How to Create Awareness of People with Special Needs, Especially People who are Blind or Visually Impaired, and the Need for Outreach Into this Community ” Lutheran Braille Workers

Rachel Potts serves in ministry with Lutheran Braille Workers as the Director of Strategic Partnerships and Ministry Relations. She is deployed to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she lives with her husband and three children. Prior to becoming part of the team at LBW, Rachel was a speech-language pathologist in Tucson, Arizona, and then the Director of Admission at St. Paul Lutheran School in Ann Arbor. God called her to the ministry at LBW in August of 2023. She states, "I am honored to be part of Lutheran Braille Workers' mission to share the Gospel with individuals with visual impairments in a format that they can access. It is a blessing to tell churches and individuals throughout the country LBW's incredible stories of hope."



Mites in Action Speaker, Breakout Session Leader—Amy Fanta, Camp Restore Detroit



Amy Fanta is the Executive Director of Camp Restore Detroit, a Registered Service Organization of the LCMS Michigan District. She has been part of the leadership of Camp Restore Detroit since its beginnings in 2017. She has a passion and strong love for the community of the 9th Precinct of Detroit. She is confident that through continued prayers and the collective hard work of the residents and our church body, the neighborhood will one day soon be a place where people love to live, work and play and most importantly, know Jesus.

Amy has been in ministry for over 20 years, leading 20 years of Missions to Mexico and 7 years of Missions to Detroit. She has a bachelor's degree in Special Education from Concordia Seward, a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Concordia Nebraska and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Wayne State University. Amy and her husband Joe have 3 energetic children who love God and adventures. The Fanta family have lived all across the United States and even lived in an RV for two years while traveling the country.

Mites in Action Speaker—Rev. Matthew Heise, Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Matthew Heise is a native of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, and no matter where his travels have taken him, has remained a lifelong member of Guardian Lutheran in Dearborn. He has a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master's degree in European History from Wayne State University (Detroit). After teaching and coaching in a Detroit Catholic high school, he served for two years as a volunteer ESL missionary for LCMS World Mission in Moscow. The mission bug proving difficult to extract, he then entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where he studied for the master's degree in Divinity. Upon graduation from the seminary, he served as a theological educator for thirteen years at LCMS World Mission, returning to Russia and also teaching in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Belarus and Ukraine. He received his Ph.D. in May 2018 from Concordia Seminary. He also



contributed to *Dictionary of Luther and the Lutheran Traditions* published by Baker Academic Press in 2017. He had a book published by Lexham Press in May 2022 (*The Gates of Hell: An Untold Story of Faith and Perseverance in the Early Soviet Union*). He is married to Dr. Raz Heise, a medical institute graduate from Bogomils University in Kyiv, now an American citizen! Since April 2014 he has been serving as the Executive Director for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, based in Macomb, Michigan.

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Mites in Action Speaker—Paul Dasari, M.D. India Bible Study

Dr. Paul Dasari is the President and Founder of the India Bible Study Translation Project (“India Bible Study”). The vision of India Bible Study is to translate and publish the notes and illustrations of *The Lutheran Study Bible* in the 15 major languages of India – so that all Indian language-speaking pastors, Christians, and non-Christians have access to sound Christian doctrine and commentary that will help them better understand God’s Word and His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.



Dr. Dasari has also been serving as Executive Director of the Bible Faith Lutheran Church in India since December 2000, which consists of 40 congregations in the State of Andhra Pradesh, India; a Seminary; and The Moriah School and Children’s Home in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

He is a medical doctor employed by the Fairview University of Minnesota Health System based in Minneapolis, and has held various leadership positions in healthcare, including Chief of Staff, Chief of Quality, and Chief of Credentials for M Health Fairview Southdale Hospital. He is also a founding member of the Hospital’s annual fundraiser. However, his greatest joy as a physician is serving his patients and their families.

Dr. Dasari has been blessed by his marriage to Jennifer, a busy lawyer, for 28 years, and with their four very active teenage daughters. His hobbies include reading, traveling, biking, running, and spending time with family and friends.

Exhibitors	
Camp Concordia	Lutheran Bible Translators
Camp Restore Detroit	Lutheran Braille Workers
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	Lutheran Center for Religious Liberties
Concordia Ft Wayne Seminary Food & Clothing Co-Op	Lutheran Hour Ministries
Concordia University WI/AA	Lutheran Special Education Ministries LSEM
Concordia Publishing House (CPH)	Lutherans for Life
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	MOST Ministries
Franklin Avenue Mission	Orphan Grain Train
Gifts for all God's Children	Phil's Friends
Gifts of Love (LWML)	POBLO International Ministries
Good Friend Ministries	Project: Pastoral Education West Africa
Hands of Mercy	St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf
India Bible Study Translation Project/Bible Faith Lutheran Ministries to India	Visual Faith Ministries
International Student Ministry Inc	Women's Leadership Institute
LAMP Ministries Inc	Worship Anew
LCMS MI District	

MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARIES

1. **_____ New Shepherds for South Sudan - \$18,000 (Lutheran Heritage Foundation).** The people of South Sudan are in need of the Gospel, living in extreme poverty, civil war, famine, and disease, with average life expectancy of only 56 years. The evangelical Lutheran Church in South Sudan (ELCSS) has more than 200 congregations, but fewer than 80 pastors to serve them. Need for new pastors is great, as each pastor is responsible for preaching God's Word to at least three congregations, often long distances apart. Lutheran Heritage Foundation in Macomb, MI, has partnered with ELCSS to establish a seminary, The Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) to provide theological education for new pastors. These CLIHM seminarians come from extreme poverty and do not have funds to cover educational costs. This grant would support five South Sudan seminarians for one year, providing tuition, supplies, room, and board.
2. **_____ Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Clinic for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti - \$25,000.** If voters approve this request, \$25,000 would be used to begin furnishing a medical clinic on the island of Ile-a-Vache, Haiti. Once the clinic is established the Caribbean Children's Foundation will provide to the island's residents basic health care, laboratory and pharmacy services, and opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Currently, health care is a long, often unaffordable, weather-permitting boat trip to the mainland.
3. **_____ Gospel Building for a Child's Future - \$14,500 (Hands of Mercy).** If the proposal of Hands of Mercy wins approval by voting delegates, the students of local Lutheran congregations supported by an expanded Hands of Mercy training center at Yambio, South Sudan, will be able in schools to gain Bible literacy using My First Catechism with workbooks and children's Bibles at actual wooden desks with whiteboards. The classrooms will be fitted for children's safety and improved learning environments to build futures with Christ.
4. **_____ Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Synodical Seminaries - \$25,000.** With ever-increasing numbers of Lutheran congregations waiting for their pastoral vacancies to be filled, an approval by voters of this proposal could help provide support for seminary students seeking to complete their pastoral preparations at either Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, or Concordia Seminary St. Louis.
5. **_____ Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker - \$20,000.** Women students who are preparing at any of the Concordia universities for careers in church work would be eligible to apply for scholarships if this grant proposal is approved by voters. Two disbursements, each of half of the total, would each be divided equally among qualifying applicants to help address increasing undergraduate education costs.
6. **_____ Dominican Republic Disabled Receive Eternal, Life-Changing Care - \$18,000.** If delegates approve this proposal, the LCMS Dominican Lutheran Mission will continue to provide care of body and soul for residents of their group home for abandoned youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in the Dominican Republic, as well as outreach to others with IDD in the community.
7. **_____ Powering the Expansion of Franklin Avenue Mission Mobile Ministries - \$25,000.** If chosen, this grant to Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint, Michigan, would provide \$25,000 to purchase a used transit passenger van for mobile ministry use. The van would enable the Mission to expand service and reach more families with Jesus' love by transporting people to and from the Mission, and to doctor and service appointments.

MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARIES (CONTINUED)

8. **Starting an Afghan Ministry in Michigan - \$25,000 – POBLO International.** Voters' consideration of this proposal would help POBLO establish a ministry specific to Afghan Arab refugees. The funds would be used to support a female Afghan bilingual coordinator, as well as provide Bibles and Luther's Small Catechism in the refugees' native languages. Participants would also be provided transportation to attend the programs and events.
9. **CTSFW Food Co-op to Purchase Food for Seminary Students - \$15,000.** Students from this country and the world come to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, to study in preparation for serving God's people in the U.S., as well as in mission work around the world. Due to their decision to leave their jobs and attend seminary with their families, often students no longer have the same financial flow of funds. The seminary seeks to reduce the financial burdens by providing students access to a Food Co-op, which supplies at no cost 80% - 90% of all families' food and household needs each month. The grant of \$15,000 would be used to purchase only perishable food items for the CTSFW Food Co-op.
10. **Be Thou My Vision – Eyeglass Evangelism Outreach - \$25,000.** MOST Ministries has a well-developed and Christ-centered eyeglass and evangelism ministry that meets the physical needs of vision correction and eyeglass distribution while sharing the Gospel in word and deed. If approved, this proposal would enable MOST Ministries to use \$25,000 to continue their work by allowing the purchase and maintenance of eyeglasses and equipment.
11. **“The Love of Christ for Pity’s Sake” - \$18,000 – Orphan Grain Train – Michigan.** This proposal would provide \$18,000 to Orphan Grain Train – Michigan to enable continuation of humanitarian shipments to countries such as Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Panama, and other places of need worldwide. OGT shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ along with the distribution of clothing, medical equipment, and other supplies.
12. **Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children - \$15,000 – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.** Physical education/activity has been determined as one of the essential wellness components that women of LWML Michigan could help address, were this proposal approved by convention delegates. Helping to update flooring in the gymnasium at the Minot campus would be among means to nurture “the whole child” of an often highly traumatized population of children being cared for at Dakota Ranch.
13. **Proclaiming Christ to Those Living in Visual Darkness - \$25,000 – Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW).** LBW serves free of charge blind or visually impaired people around the world, including prison inmates, with Bibles and other Christian materials in a format and language they can read. LBW is producing new prison Bibles and Bible studies in English and Spanish for incarcerated individuals. LBW will provide in Braille format Christian information that addresses today's issues. Additionally, this project will use a Prison Braille Transcription program located in Michigan or California to transcribe 1,300 pages of new Christian titles. This is new and specific to LWML Michigan District and the LBW Michigan Ministry Production Centers. The \$25,000 grant would be for supplies and equipment to produce approximately 2,500 volumes of Braille or Large Print materials.

MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARIES (CONTINUED)

14. _____ **COFA – Bringing the Love and Hope of Christ to Impossible Situations - \$25,000 – Christian Outreach for Africa.** A quality Christian education at a Christian college in Mhluzi, South Africa, would be supported by this grant to a scholarship fund, were it approved by 2024 LWML convention voters. Parents of this township are not likely able to afford for their children education of this sort, which could help those educated through hope in Christ to rise above the effects of their heritage of segregation.
15. _____ **Providing Quality Education and Proclaiming the Gospel to Impoverished Children in India - \$25,000.** The Moriah School in southeastern India provides a quality education in a Lutheran setting primarily for children from economically disadvantaged homes. Graduates are well prepared for higher education, and many have gone on to successful professional or skilled employment, breaking the cycle of generational poverty. This proposal would provide \$25,000 to update outdated facilities and equipment, purchase new equipment and academic materials, and hire additional English-speaking staff.
16. _____ **ASL (American Sign Language) Storybook Apps - \$17,950.** If approved, mites of \$17,950 would enable St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf, Dearborn, Michigan, to purchase equipment to transform Christian-based print books into ASL apps. This would allow deaf children across the U.S. to view a book entirely by a deaf performer, and to build deaf children's reading fluency, as text and illustrations also will appear on the screen.
17. _____ **Afghan Refugee Ministry - \$25,000 – St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage, MI.** Support of this proposal would allot to St. Michael Lutheran Church \$25,000 to support Afghan Ministry to an extended Afghan refugee family in nearby Kalamazoo. With guidance from POBLO, the family patriarch, a Christian missionary, would receive assistance through LWML's grant toward ordination as a Lutheran pastor through the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
18. _____ **Welcoming All God's Children - \$25,000 (Lutheran Special Education Ministries).** Were this grant proposal approved, LSEM, now with 150 years of service, would be enabled to supply Lutheran schools and teachers with necessary resources to support educational and spiritual growth of children who, though in Christian environments, do need special learning difficulties addressed.
19. _____ **Equipping Church Workers to Bless International Students - \$20,000 (International Student Ministry, Inc.)** There are one million international students studying on U.S. campuses who have few opportunities to hear the gospel. Many seminarians and Concordia university students serve near these universities. International Student Ministry, Inc. (ISM Inc.) hosts an annual Equipping Conference to teach our students how to share about Christ in a cross-cultural manner. This proposal would provide ISM Inc. \$20,000 to promote awareness of and to award scholarships for our students to attend the conference.
20. _____ **Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats - \$20,000.** Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is an LCMS Recognized Service Organization. If delegates approve this proposal, this grant would help pastors, DCE's, and teachers who are suffering from depression and compassion fatigue to receive through scholarships for week-long retreats in Arizona the help, hope, and healing by God's grace which they need.

MISSION GRANT SELECTION TALLY

VOTES RECEIVED	PLURALITY RANKING	NAME OF GRANT
1. _____	_____	1. “New Shepherds for South Sudan” (Lutheran Heritage Foundation) - \$18,000.
2. _____	_____	2. “Caribbean Children’s Foundation Medical Clinic for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti” - \$25,000
3. _____	_____	3. “Gospel Building for a Child’s Future” (Hands of Mercy) -\$14,500
4. _____	_____	4. “Filling Pulpits by Providing Scholarships for Michigan Men in Synodical Seminaries” - \$25,000.
5. _____	_____	5. “Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker” - \$20,000
6. _____	_____	6. “Dominican Republic Disabled Receive Eternal, Life-Changing Care”- \$18,000.
7. _____	_____	7. “Powering the Expansion of Franklin Avenue Mission Mobile Ministries” - \$25,000.
8. _____	_____	8. “Starting an Afghan Ministry in Michigan” (POBLO International) - \$25,000
9. _____	_____	9. “CTSFW Food Co-op to Purchase Food for Seminary Students” - \$15,000.
10. _____	_____	10. “Be Thou My Vision” (Eyeglass Evangelism Outreach) - \$25,000.
11. _____	_____	11. “The Love of Christ for Pity’s Sake” (Orphan Grain Train, Michigan) - \$18,000
12. _____	_____	12. “Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children” (Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch) - \$15,000
13. _____	_____	13. “Proclaiming Christ to Those Living in Visual Darkness” (Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW)) - \$25,000
14. _____	_____	14. “COFA – Bringing the Love and Hope of Christ to Impossible Situations” (Christian Outreach for Africa) - \$25,000
15. _____	_____	15. “Providing Quality Education and Proclaiming the Gospel to Impoverished Children in India” - \$25,000
16. _____	_____	16. “ASL (American Sign Language) Storybook Apps” - \$17,950.
17. _____	_____	17. “Afghan Refugee Ministry” (St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage, MI)- \$25,000
18. _____	_____	18. “Welcoming All God’s Children” (Lutheran Special Education Ministries) - \$25,000
19. _____	_____	19. “Equipping Church Workers to Bless International Students” (International Student Ministry, Inc.) - \$20,000
20. _____	_____	20. “Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd’s Canyon Retreats” - \$20,000.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

PRESIDENT



ANN CAMPBELL has served....

- NATIONAL:** 2024 National Committee Chair, Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations, National Assembly of Leaders Attendee
- DISTRICT:** 2022-Present, VP of Special Focus Ministries, Mission Grant Selection Committee, Co-Chair MI District Convention, Grand Rapids, MI
- ZONE:** Christian Growth, Lakeshore Zone; Lakeshore Zone, Vice Pres; Lakeshore Zone, Pres.
- LOCAL:** Youth Mission Trip; Stewardship Chair
- CHURCH:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran, Holland; Administrative Assistant to Pastor; Choir & Praise Group; Bell ringer.
- COMMUNITY:** Boy Scouts of America Leader; District training staff, Little League
- EDUCATION:** Certified Professional Medical Coder, AAPC
- PAID:** Bookkeeper; Purchasing Agent; Legal Secretary; Administrative Assistant

VISION STATEMENT- As LWML women we want to equip, communicate and unite each other through God's Word. One of those ways would be to have district wide Zoom Bible studies at least three times a year. We want to encourage women of all ages, while mentoring our young women, to participate at the group, zone and district level in serving the Lord. My prayer is that each woman of the LWML will find who they are in Jesus and along that journey develop lasting relationships with their sisters in Christ.



RUTH STEELE has served....

- DISTRICT:** Webmaster; Nominating Committee-twice, once as chair; Mission Grant Selection Committee; Newsletter Editor; VP of Communication; Recording Secretary, Personnel Records Liaison
- ZONE:** Past President, Rochester Zone
- LOCAL:** Society Co-Chair
- CHURCH:** St. Paul Lutheran, Caro; Sunday School teacher/ craft leader; VBS helper; Evangelism Board; Banners
- COMMUNITY:** LEAD Tuscola, Secretary; Rotary Secretary, President (current)
- EDUCATION:** B.A. Concordia University
MLIS Wayne State University
- PAID:** Lutheran schoolteacher; Daycare provider; Librarian (Currently Director)

VISION STATEMENT: Redeemed women gather together in churches, zones and districts to study God's Word, and by the Holy Spirit joyfully share the Good News through mission support and acts of mercy. Each woman feels welcomed, supported and encouraged to serve the Lord with gladness.

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION



BARB DRAPER has served...

JACKI PARMER has served...

- DISTRICT:** Exhibits Chair - LWML Michigan District Convention, Grand Rapids, MI Convention Teller
- ZONE:** Lakeshore Zone, Christian Growth, Member Development, President
- LOCAL:** Society President, Event leader coordinator/planner, Society representative
- CHURCH:** Grace Lutheran Church, Coopersville, MI, Board of Directors, Transition Team, Development team, VBS Teacher/Director, Sunday School teacher, Youth chaperone, Adult and Youth prayer pal, Librarian, Congregation Lay Delegate, participant LCMS District Conventions, Holland Circuit Lay Delegate to LCMS Synod National Convention
- COMMUNITY:** School parent volunteer, Band booster
- PAID:** Marketing, Procedure Development Team; Trainer and Team Lead primarily of Leads and Seamstresses, Seamstress, Software Support, Website & Social Media Manager, Newsletter creation skills, written Radio Ads.

- DISTRICT:** YWR, National Convention, Lexington, KY; Social Media Coordinator, MI District Communication Team
- ZONE:** YWR, MI District Convention, Frankenmuth, MI; Evergreen Zone, Co-Chair
- LOCAL:** Society Co-Chair, Christmas Assistance Program, Co-Lead to National Youth gathering
- CHURCH:** Immanuel Lutheran, Macomb, MI, Church Council, Sunday School teacher, VBS Medical team Coordinator, College Mission trip hurricane relief, Houston, Texas, Church Extension Fund (CEF) Rep.
- COMMUNITY:** Parent-Teacher League Secretary, Chair, School picnic, mother-son dance Medical Team, Tim Tebow's Foundation 'Night to Shine' prom for Individuals with special needs
- PAID:** Registered Nurse, Hospice Care

VISION STATEMENT- The LWML Michigan District is lit with "purple fire!" The Spirit has given us a passion to share his love; to mentor and support all women; to serve through the LWML with our hands, feet, voices and everything we have. He's lit a "purple fire" in our hearts. He's given us a passion to talk about the love of Jesus; about the difference Jesus makes in our lives. We serve because He served. We love because He loved. We tell because our hearts are on fire, and we can't stop talking about Jesus! I pray the Holy Spirit keeps fanning the flames of our "purple fire."

VISION STATEMENT: My vision is that the LWML will continue to be God's light to the darkest corners of the world. Starting at our local societies and zones we, as women of God, would use our gifts and talents to the best of our ability, by the power of the Holy Spirit to expand to more nations, carrying out the Great Commission, that most importantly, all will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

VICE PRESIDENT OF MISSION OUTREACH



CAROL SWENSON has served...

- DISTRICT:** Parliamentarian, Financial Secretary LWML Mentor to Capital Zone, Cross-roads Zone, and Suburban Lights Zone
- ZONE:** Co-Chair, Multi-Lakes Zone
- LOCAL:** Trinity Lutheran, Fenton: President of Women’s Guild and LWML group. Taught Ladies Bible studies; Created and managed community garden.
- CHURCH-** Trustee; Financial Secretary; Parliamentarian; Co-chair Altar Guild Trinity Lutheran, Fenton 2022 moved to St. Paul Lutheran, Millington
- COMMUNITY-** Election worker, City of Fenton, and City of Vassar. Advanced Master Gardener volunteer
- EDUCATION:** Associates Degree in Business
- PAID:** Legal Secretary for Attorneys, Flint. Administrative Assistant Employment Office, St. Joseph Hospital Flint. Administrative Assistant, MI Dept of Civil Rights, Flint. Administrative Assistant, The Rybar Group, Fenton
- VISION STATEMENT-** As children and servants of God, we are commissioned to share the Word of Christ to all and serve Him out of love and a desire to honor Him.



JOAN WAGNER has served...

- DISTRICT:** Delegate to two LWML District Conventions; Alternate Recording Secretary for Board of Directors, National Convention delegate, Lexington, KY
- ZONE:** Co-Chair Multi Lakes Zone (2x)
- LOCAL:** St. Stephen WinGs group; Ruth Society, St. Paul Community Lutheran Church
- CHURCH:** St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Counter; Choir member; VBS Volunteer; Treasurer, St. Paul Community Lutheran Church
- COMMUNITY:** Historical District Committees; Preservation Detroit, Board Member; Grant Writing experience
- EDUCATION:** B.S. History
- WORK:** Accounts Payable Specialist, Chrysler Corp; Administrative Assistant/ Office Manager, St. Paul Community Lutheran Church.
- VISION STATEMENT:** My vision is to share the Gospel with those in need of God’s love and Jesus’ salvation. I believe mission outreach is necessary to continue the work of the church in spreading the Word of our Lord to the world.

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

VICE PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES



DENISE MOSEY has served...

- DISTRICT:** Recording Secretary, Structure Coordinator, Parliamentarian
- ZONE:** Vice President, Recording Secretary; Nominating Committee; Bylaws Committee
- LOCAL:** Vice President, Recording Secretary. Nominating Committee; Bylaws Committee
- CHURCH:** St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, Frankenmuth, Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent; Board of Christian Education Chair; Administrative Council; Advent by Candlelight-Chair
- COMMUNITY:** Coach grandson T-Ball; Food Distribution
- PAID:** Self Employed/Business Owner

VISION STATEMENT: My vision is that all women come together in the name of the Triune God to do His work for missions and bringing us closer to Him.



LINDA MURDOCK has served...

- NATIONAL:** LWML National Assembly of Leaders
- DISTRICT:** Tri-Chair for 2024 LWML Convention
- ZONE:** Ann Arbor Zone, Co-Chair
- LOCAL:** LWML Daughters On Mission steering team; 2024 publicity lead; reviewed bylaws for local LWML group
- CHURCH:** Living Water Lutheran Church, Whitmore Lake, Ministry Assistant; Church Council Secretary, Mothers of Preschoolers Coordinator/ Mentor; Women's Ministry Volunteer Leader; First Impressions Ministry Volunteer Lead; Women's Bible Study Facilitator
- COMMUNITY:** Concordia Ann Arbor, Women's Guild; Bethania Publications Team; Women's Leadership Board Secretary; Lutheran High Westland, Benevon Development Team; MOST Ministries Board; Earhart Manor docent

- PAID:** Home Economics Secondary Education; Consumer Services Manager, Mich-Con, Ann Arbor; Marketing Home Economist, Hickory Farms, Ohio; Adjunct Professor, Eastern Michigan University; Freelance Home Economist

VISION STATEMENT: My vision is for the LWML to encourage and equip women of all ages and stages in love for their Lord and Savior followed by outreach in the local community, country, and world. I would particularly target growth in our local LWML groups and zones so that LWML thrives into the next generation.

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

FINANCIAL SECRETARY



ALLISON SCHULZ has served...

- DISTRICT:** YWR, District Convention, Frankenmuth, MI; YWR, National Convention, Milwaukee, WI
 - ZONE:** Thumb Zone, Secretary, Publicist, Assistant to Zone President
 - LOCAL:** Interim President, organizing events at Good Shepherd Lutheran
 - CHURCH:** Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cass City; Women's Ministry, Treasurer
 - COMMUNITY:** Deckerville League of Women, Sanilac County Community Band
 - EDUCATION:** B.A. in Science, focus on Accounting, Concordia University, Ann Arbor
 - PAID:** American Broach, Ypsilanti, MI; Window Works, Bolingbrook, IL; Tri County Equipment, Sandusky, MI;
- (Current) Financial Secretary, Bookkeeping, Accounts Payable & Receivable, Deckerville Community Schools, Deckerville, MI

VISION STATEMENT- Every woman is individually crafted by our Father's loving hand. Everyone has value and is blessed by God given gifts that can be used in service to Jesus. I would love to reach out to every woman in the pews of the church, as well as our communities, to help them discover their gifts and engage them in proclaiming Christ through the LWML.

CHERYL ZASTROW has served...

- DISTRICT:** Meeting Manager District Convention Co-chair (2020, 2022)
- ZONE:** Mid-Michigan Zone, Vice President
- LOCAL:** Coordinator for St John's Lutheran Membership Directory
- CHURCH:** St. John's Lutheran Church, Midland; Sunday School teacher, VSB Director, Missions Coordinator, Funeral Dinners Director
- COMMUNITY:** Aaron's Gifts from Home, Board member; Mitten Bay Girl Scouts, Membership Specialist for Gratiot, Clare and Isabella counties
- PAID:** Hemlock Public Schools, Payroll Dept SCRIP Coordinator, Accounts Receivable for church/school

VISION STATEMENT: My vision for the LWML Michigan District is all women in the LCMS would have the opportunity to attend LWML Conventions and Rallies in their Zones, Districts and National level. I will never forget the feeling when I walked into my first District Convention and was in awe as I realized that all these people were there to worship MY GOD. And they would have the opportunity to attend Bible Studies in their churches and become closer to God.

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

PASTORAL COUNSELOR (JUNIOR)



REV. JEFFERY D. FRECHETTE, SR has served...

- MINISTRY:** St. Mark Lutheran Church, Flint. Serving as Senior Administrative Pastor since 2022.
- EDUCATION:** 2004, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, WI (BA-Liberal Arts)
2008, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN (M.Div.)
- DISTRICT:** 2018 – 2020, Pastoral Counselor, LWML Michigan District (completing the term of the elected pastor).
- ZONE:** 2013 – 2022, LWML Pastoral Counselor for Macomb South Zone.
- LOCAL:** 2010, Synod Convention Pastoral Delegate (Macomb South).
2012 – 2014, Facilitator, Post Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS). 2023, Synod Convention Pastoral Delegate (Lapeer Circuit).
- COMMUNITY:** 2019-2021, Board member, Lakeside Woods Homeowners' Assoc.
2021-2022, President, Lakeside Woods Homeowners' Assoc.
American Red Cross, regular blood/power red donor.

VISION STATEMENT: I would be honored to serve the LWML Michigan District to support the faithful, dedicated work of the LWML in “bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with” Jesus. My vision for the LWML is to continue this faithful work.

REV. RUSSELL JOHNSON has served...

- MINISTRY:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Holland, MI; Senior Pastor since 2022.
- EDUCATION:** 1982, Jenison High School; 1984, GRCC; 1990, Grand Valley State University; 2005, Concordia Theological Seminary
- ZONE:** (Current) LWML Pastoral Counselor, Lakeshore Zone
2012 – 2014 Pastoral Counselor, South Illinois District
- LOCAL:** Synod Convention Bylaw Committee Board; Synod Convention Pastoral Delegate
- COMMUNITY:** Hand 2 Hand Ministries food distribution serving needy students weekly at the local elementary school (<https://h2hkids.org>)
- VISION STATEMENT:** The Mission statement of the LWML is well thought out: “As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.”

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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CANDIDATES FOR 2024-2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE



ANN BARZ has served...

- ZONE:** St. Joseph Zone, President (current)
Christian Growth committee
- LOCAL:** Christ Lutheran Church, Society Rep
- CHURCH:** St. Paul Lutheran, Buchanan, MI:
Choir; Board of Stewardship & Board
of Evangelism, Sunday School
Teacher; VBS; Women's Bible Studies.
- COMMUNITY:** Volunteer at LifePlan, a pregnancy
care center
- EDUCATION:** B.A. Social Work
- PAID:** Piano Teacher; Organist at Trinity
Lutheran, Glendora, MI; Accompanist
Lakeshore High School choir, Senior
Day Services Program Assistant &
Activities Director

VISION STATEMENT: I care deeply about the ministry and mission of the LWML as it plays out through our zones, districts and nationally. I would like to use my position on the nominating committee to grow myself spiritually and help choose committed and faithful sisters to lead the LWML Michigan District forward in service to our Lord and Savior.



JOANN D. GUST has served...

- NATIONAL:** LWML National Convention, Worship
Committee & Hostess Committee,
Lexington, KY
- DISTRICT:** District Convention Registration
Chair; Service Project Coordinator;
Leadership Development Coordinator;
VP of Caring Ministries; VP of
Organizational Resources
- ZONE:** Mid-Michigan Zone: Pres. VP,
Secretary, Christian Growth,
Parliamentarian
- LOCAL:** President; Vice President; Secretary;
Christian Growth; Chair, Nominating
Committee
- CHURCH:** Zion Lutheran Church, Mt. Pleasant;
President, Zion Pre-School; Director of
Board, Campus Ministry & Fellowship
Committee; Evangelism. Committee;
Chairperson of Funeral, Library,
Building & Foundation Committees;
Altar Guild; Lead Coordinator, Thrivent
Financial.
- COMMUNITY:** President, Professional Secretaries
Assoc., Financial Secretary, Health
Care Committee, for Central Michigan
University (CMU); Thrivent Chapter for
Lutherans (CMU)
- PAID:** Secretary, Zion Lutheran Church;
Purchasing Dept, Ford Company,
Detroit; Probate Clerk, County &
Juvenile Court, Hays, Kansas;
Secretary, Colorado State University;
Executive Secretary, CMU, Mt.
Pleasant, MI

VISION STATEMENT: My vision is that the LWML Michigan District will provide the guidance and leadership needed to grow spiritually with all the services it needs. As I am guided by the Holy Spirit, I will serve as the Lord provides and enlightens me with the gifts and talents to perform the duties of this position.

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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CANDIDATES FOR 2024-2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE



SANDRA NEWPORT has served...

- NATIONAL:** LWML National Convention, Lexington, KY. (Volunteer: hostess, worship service)
- DISTRICT:** VP of Communication (Current)
Assistant Convention Manager
- LOCAL :** Ladies of Our Savior, President ;
Secretary
- CHURCH:** Our Savior Lutheran Church, Union City; Running service sound computer, violin, voice; Church Council Recording Secretary; Tech committee chair
- COMMUNITY:** President, Board Director Crescendo Academy of Music; Union City Farm to Fork Planning Committee; Union City Chorale
- EDUCATION:** B.S. Physiology, Michigan State University (MSU) Lyman Briggs School; Graduate Certificate, Immunodiagnostics/ Flow Cytometry
- PAID :** Therapeutic Field Sales Support, Forensic Fluids Laboratories; R&D Scientist; Pfizer; Pharm/Tox Research Assistant, MSU; Biological Research Tech, USDA; Family greenhouse/ farm business; Founder/President, Zoetis Toastmasters Club

VISION STATEMENT: I have witnessed a tremendous growth in how we reach out and uplift a wider audience of women. I would like to build on this recruiting more women to “not be afraid,” experience the “iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another” (Prov. 27:17), equipping them to share their talents to spread God’s love at all levels of society, local to international. When we act in fear, we often make mistakes, but when we act in faith, we have the strength to accomplish much more than we could on our own. With faith everyone can “serve the Lord with gladness” in their unique way and make a difference!



SUZANNE POOLE has served...

- NATIONAL:** LWML National Convention, Worship Committee Hostess Committee, Lexington, KY
- DISTRICT:** Chair, Nominating Committee
- ZONE:** Wayne Oak Hills Zone, Co-chair(Current) ;
Secretary; Chairperson; Vice chairperson
- LOCAL:** St. Paul, Northville, Women in Christ, Resource Coordinator, Communication Coordinator
- CHURCH:** St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Northville; Evangelism Board; Sunday School; Prayer Coordinator for MOST Mission Team
- PAID:** Industrial Sales;
Tool Crib Management

VISION STATEMENT: My vision for the LWML Michigan District is to be a part of a team that encourages others to further Christ’s mission work around the world.

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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CANDIDATES FOR 2024-2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE



MARIE RILEY has served...

NATIONAL: Worship Chairperson, LWML National Convention, Lexington, KY

DISTRICT : (Current) VP of Organizational Resources, Mission Awareness Coordinator, Special Gifts Coordinator

ZONE: Blue Water Zone, President; Secretary; Christian Growth

LOCAL: LWML— Chairperson, St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church.

CHURCH: St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond: Sunday School Teacher; VBS; Women's Bible Study Coordinator; Choir & Bell Member; Altar Guild; Music Ministry Committee; Stephens Ministry.

COMMUNITY: Worship Coordinator at Assisted Living Home & Nursing `Home

EDUCATION: Human Resource, Bookkeeping and Tax Preparation Classes

PAID: Retired after 40 years in Retail: held positions of Crew Chief, Manager, Team Leader

VISION STATEMENT: My vision for LWML would be that I would see, encourage, and equip women of LWML and to do the same for future members, so they can use their hands, feet, voice, and lips to proclaim Christ to the world by doing God's will.

Votes won	Votes cast	Votes won
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT BYLAWS
2024 MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION**

If proposed amendment is adopted, then the LWML Structure Committee requests permission to re-number or re-letter sections to account for deletions and insertions and make any necessary spelling and typographical corrections.

LWML Michigan District Bylaws
Proposed Date of Approval – June 28, 2024

Article VII Duties of Officers

Proposed Amendment: In Section 7 - Recording Secretary, delete paragraphs “d, e, and f.”

Rationale: To avoid duplication of duties which were assigned previously to Personnel Records Liaison.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted, will read:
Section 7 – Recording Secretary	Section 7 – Recording Secretary
d. Keep current roster of addresses of members of the Board of Directors and distribute to Board members; e. Keep a record of group and zone officers and membership statistics; f. Keep a current list of group and individual members’ addresses for the circulation of the Lutheran Women’s Quarterly and the District LWML in Action;	(Re-number or re-letter sections to account for deletions.)

Article VIII – Nominations

Proposed Amendments: In Section 1 - Nominating Committee, change paragraphs “a” and “b.” A Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members shall be elected by ballot at each biennial LWML District Convention from a slate of five (5) candidates from the District. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be chairperson.

Rationale: To allow for more time for the Nominating Committee to fill slate of officers for election at each biennial convention.

Existing bylaw reads:	If adopted will read:
Section 1 – Nominating Committee	Section 1 – Nominating Committee
a. A Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its third (3 rd) quarter meeting in the year prior to the biennial convention. b. The members must be serving on the District Board of Directors at the time of their Election and shall be as widely r epresentative of the District as possible.	a. A Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members shall be elected by ballot at each biennial District Convention from a slate of five (5) candidates from the District. b. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be chairperson.

Proposed Bylaw Changes (Continued)

Article IX – Appointed Officers

Proposed Amendments: In Section 1 - Titles and Criteria, delete paragraph “e.”

Rationale: Incorrect information for this section.

Existing Bylaw reads:	If adopted will read:
Section 1 – Titles and Criteria	Section 1 – Titles and Criteria
e. Serve as non-voting member of the biennial District Convention [(See Article V, Section 2a, 2) b)]	(Re-number or re-letter sections to account for deletions.)

Proposed Amendment: To add a Section 4 – Additional Appointees

Rationale: To allow for additional personnel as needed.

Existing Bylaw reads:	If adopted will read:
	Section 4 – Additional Appointees
	There may be additional appointed personnel as deemed necessary to carry on the work of LWML. The Executive Committee authorizing the appointed personnel shall determine the authority and responsibility of the appointed personnel.

Article XVI – Official Publication

Proposed Amendment: Change this Article to be more in line with current practices.

Rationale: To allow for any changes of the Official Publication.

Existing Bylaw reads:	If adopted will read:
Section 1 - Title	Section 1 - Title
The Official Publication of the District shall be <i>LWML in Action</i> .	The official publication of the District shall be edited and produced electronically by the Communication Committee. This official publication is controlled by the District.
Section 2 - Purpose	Section 2 - Purpose
The purpose of LWML in Action shall be to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the objects of the Michigan District LWML and The National LWML; Provide information about programs and activities of the LWML; Provide topics for study and discussion; Provide a chain of communication between the groups, zones, district, and National LWML. 	The purpose of the publication shall be to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the objectives of the LWML Michigan District and the National LWML. Provide information about programs and activities of the LWML; Provide topics for study and discussion; Provide a chain of communication between the groups, zones, district, and National LWML. Provide and inform members of important items of business such as bylaws amendments, special elections, etc.

Proposed Bylaw Changes (Continued)

Section 3 – Distribution and Frequency	Section 3 – Distribution and Frequency
<p>a. The LWML in Action shall be Distributed to all members of the Board and to all groups within the District in the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) quarters of the calendar year.</p> <p>b. The Executive Committee may authorize additional issues as it deems necessary.</p>	<p>a. The publication shall be produced and distributed at least quarterly to all members of the Board and to all groups within the District.</p> <p>b. The publication will contain information from Board of Directors meetings before or after the meetings.</p> <p>c. The publication will contain information vital for District Conventions.</p>

Article XX – Fiscal Year

Proposed Amendment: Add further of “Fiscal Year” explanation. The fiscal year is May 1st to April 30th with the summer/1st quarter being May, June, July; the fall/2nd quarter being August, September, October; the winter/3rd quarter being November, December, January; and the spring/4th quarter being February, March, April.

Rationale: Adding this information would help explain each month’s quarter.

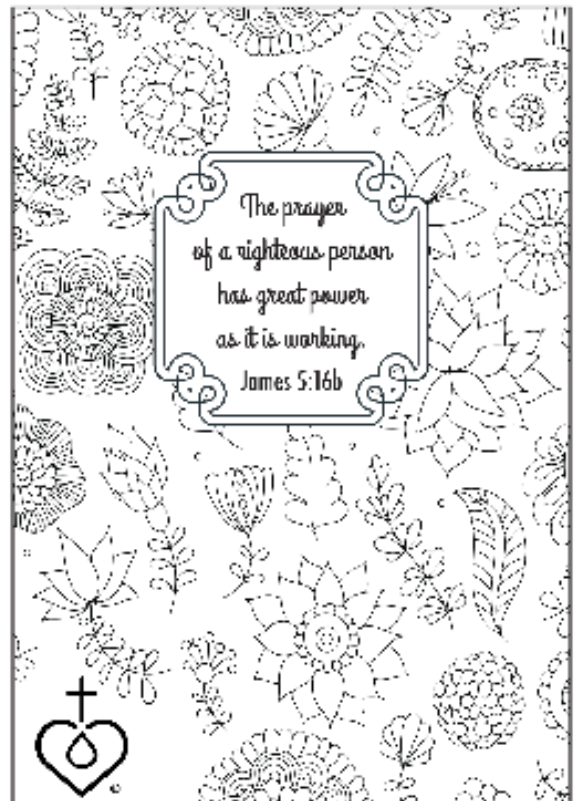
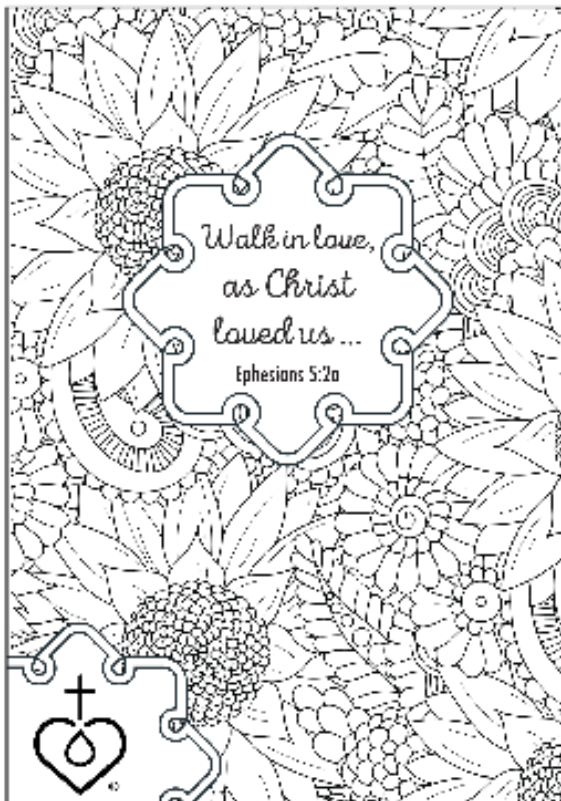
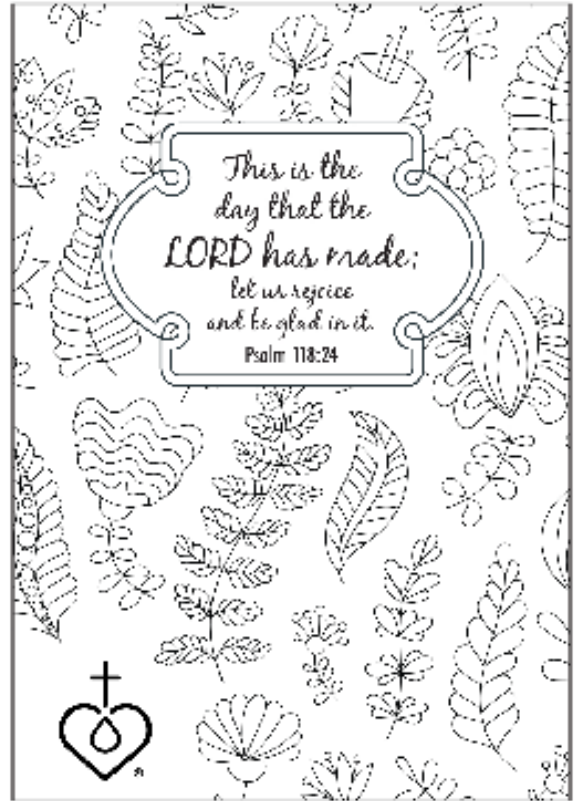
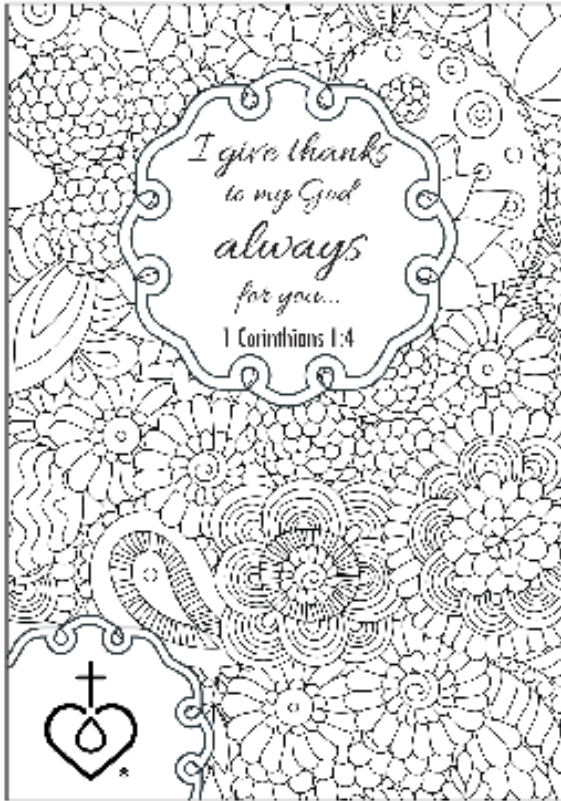
Existing Bylaw reads:	If adopted will read:
Article XX – Fiscal Year	Article XX – Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the district shall be from May 1 st to April 30 th , inclusive.	The fiscal year of the District shall be from May 1 st to April 30 th inclusive. Summer/1 st quarter being May, June, July; Fall/2 nd quarter being August, September, October; Winter/3 rd quarter being November, December, January; and Spring/4 th quarter being February, March, April.

Bible Study Notes #2

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BIBLE STUDY NOTECARDS



President - MaryBeth Heikkinen



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1Peter 4:10)

It has been such a privilege to serve the LWML Michigan District as your President over the last four years. I took over my presidency in the summer of 2020 during the pandemic which accentuated the need to focus on our infrastructure. This focus has remained a priority this biennium as well. It is critical to have a sound infrastructure in place and we have spent a considerable amount of time implementing these systems: Constant Contact, an email management system, so that we can effectively reach the Women in Pew (*please sign up for our emails if you have not already done so!*); a file management system, DropBox, so that we can safely store, retrieve and maintain critical documents without physically being together and also a project management system, Basecamp, so that we can manage all of the projects that we are working on for the District. These tools lay the groundwork for a healthy organization to flourish. The last four years flew by and I am honored to have had my "dream job!"

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- ⇒ Led WinGS (Women IN God's Service) Bible study for younger women – they are our future!
- ⇒ Organized a centrally located Women's Conference to educate women across the state on wonderful LWML resources
- ⇒ Created a District Convention centered around our biennium goals and focused on prayer, lively Bible studies and fellowship

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- ⇒ Developed relationships with the Michigan District LCMS to encourage District wide unity and awareness
- ⇒ Encouraged and mentored the elected and appointed officers of the LWML Michigan District
- ⇒ Promoted fantastic LWML resources vigorously (Church Workers in Mission, Heart to Heart – Sisters of All Nations, Mailbox Member Program, Special Ministries....and the list goes on....visit lwml.org for more details)

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President Special Focus Ministries - Ann Campbell



*"Be still and know that I am God."
(Psalm 46:10)*

This is my first elected position and I've had a lot of support along the way. Some of the adventures I had are attending the Assembly of Leaders training at St. Louis; assisting in planning and presenting "I am a Leader" Woman's event; Heart to Heart – Women of all Nations, attending leader training at Milwaukee's convention and also being a zone delegate; accepting a call from Eden Keefe to be the H2H Committee Chairman; attending Interdepartmental meetings for the chair position at St. Louis; attending all EC and BOD meetings and retreats; representing LWML at the Abide Conference with a display; attending a worship service at Frankenmuth and Bible study for the deaf and hard of hearing; attending the South Wisconsin District annual Heart to Heart event at Milwaukee; Bible studies several times a week as well as online; attending one to two silent retreats for my spiritual health.

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⇒ The Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations, YWRs and Deaf and Hard of Hearing have regular Bible Studies and/or devotions.

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- ⇒ Jamie Agans (YWR Leader) organizes the attendance at both the District and the National Conventions. She plans Bible studies and activities at convention. We had four YWRs represent us at Milwaukee and this year we hope to have 20 YWRs for our convention. The four YWRs sent to National attended an online Bible Study with all their 2023 National YWRs, Mentored younger women in my local society and encouraged them to take leadership roles.
- ⇒ Kimberly Salajan (Heart to Heart leader) has monthly zoom calls with a Bible study and a featured speaker. She also plans events for the Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations at convention.
- ⇒ Cynthia Smith-Byer has recently stepped into a position of Deaf & Hard of Hearing leadership and plans to continue doing Bible studies. She will be offering an hour-long ESL Zoom class for the hearing and in a second hour she will have a Bible study for the deaf.

Special Focus Ministries Committee (Left to Right)

Kimberly Salajan (Heart to Heart Sisters Leader)
Ann Campbell (VP Special Focus Ministries)
Jamie Agans (YWR Coordinator)
Not pictured: Cynthia Smith-Byer (Deaf Ministry Liaison)



Vice President of Christian Outreach - Laura Boberitz



Most recently, the Christian Outreach Committee has been focused on planning the servant events for this convention.

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- ⇒ The Christian Outreach Committee has prepared and presented two Fall retreats for the officers and zone presidents of LWML.
- ⇒ We made sure the Speaker's Bureau is online and have continued updating it so zones and churches have a list of speakers for rallies and other events.
- ⇒ Along with the Leadership Development Coordinator, I presented a session on mentoring at the Women's Conference in May 2023.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

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- ⇒ The Christian Outreach Committee created Servant Day 2024. This was an in-state servant event that produced over 300 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief, and involved over 100 women at 6 different church sites doing a craft, a devotion and sharing fellowship on October 14, 2024. Other personal care kits were made at different times and delivered at the same time for a total of 468 personal care kits given to Lutheran World Relief as a result of this program.
- ⇒ We added a Christian growth or mission service highlight to many of the district newsletters to tell Michigan women about resources available to them on the LWML website.

Members of the Christian Outreach Committee (Left to Right)

Crystal Milutin (Christian Materials Coordinator)
Laura Boberitz (VP of Christian Outreach)
Jenny Jeroneski (Christian Outreach Coordinator)
Sherri Lahrman (Service Projects Coordinator)
Not pictured: Jamie VanDyke (Committee Member 2022-2023)
Not pictured: Pastor David Winningham (Pastoral Counselor)



ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President of Communication - Sandy Newport



"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." (Colossians 3:16)

I close out my 4 year term with "fervent gratitude." Gratitude to all my fellow LWML sisters in Christ for encouraging me and my amazing Comm Team. Gratitude for many embracing the technology available to build our infrastructure to reach more women, add efficiencies to our project planning and the patience to navigate the associated uncomfortable learning curves. Gratitude to those willing to discover new talents they can use to "Serve the Lord with Gladness," communicating on different levels to reach ALL the women in the pew, from the "non-tech-y" to the "tech-savvy." Most of all, I am incredibly grateful for my Communication Team. Our Team is multigenerational, with talented women in their 20's through retirement age. It hasn't been easy for many of us on the team to balance the responsibility of our roles with family, health and careers, but I love how our team pitches in to help each other. My gratitude knows no bounds for my treasured new LWML friends who have tremendously strengthened my faith and relationship with our Triune God.

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- ⇒ Worshipped and communed regularly, attended regular Bible studies.
- ⇒ Was appointed President of my Ladies group at Our Savior Lutheran church, and resumed monthly meetings and hosting community events.
- ⇒ Hosted many Zoom meetings, including the monthly "Heart to Heart Sisters Zoom Hangout" for the Special Focus Ministries Committee, and a 16 week Bible study led by Carla Elenz, President of the Land 'O Lakes Zone featuring Donna Snow's "Unshakeable" study.
- ⇒ Jacki Parmer led a session at the 2023 "Me a Leader" district training showing where to find online resources such as devotions, bible studies, podcasts, etc. to help groups grow spiritually.

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- ⇒ More frequent Newsletters were published by Barb Collins, with an emphasis on always featuring Zone activities.
- ⇒ Jacki Parmer increased our social media presence utilizing Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X (Formerly Twitter) We launched "Mission Monday" where we featured a different Mission Grant weekly. Followers have increased to 950, an increase of 332.3% since 2022, with FB reach up 100%. Instagram is up 100%.
- ⇒ More of the team is using our Canva software to generate more graphics for our website and social media to relay news and updates. Natalie Johnson, an IT developer, and recent YWR, joined the team in Sept 2023, and quickly added technical value, assuming much of the website work.
- ⇒ Basecamp, a type of project management software, was rolled out across the District and was utilized heavily to plan the 2024 District Convention. Toni Noakes assumed the coordinator role, leading many online training sessions.

Members of Communication Committee

Front: Jessica Miller (Technology Specialist) (ad hoc)

Back : (Left to Right) Toni Noakes (Media/Basecamp Coordinator)

Jackie Parmer (Social Media Coordinator, MIT)

Sandy Newport (VP Communication)

Barb Collins (Newsletter Editor)

Not Pictured: Natalie Johnson (Webmaster)



Vice President of Mission Outreach - Mary Craaybeek



Serving in this position for now my second term has provided me opportunities to expand the degrees of service that I could perform in Lutheran Women in Mission and indeed beyond the realm of LWML. The position has broadened my skills and talents and has helped reinforce to me that advances in technology could work to facilitate greater productivity.

Meaningful as to responsibility each of us has to speak up for those [in the womb] who have no voice: "Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - (Proverbs 31:8-9)

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⇒ Being enveloped spiritually and personally interactively in God’s Word helps us to employ that Word when we might otherwise succumb to discouragement, exhaustion, short-temperedness, judgmentalism, or any other damaging characteristics which would hamper the perception by others of the honor which His Word deserves. I have been glad to be in the company/communication with other Christian women who have edified my faith walk.

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- ⇒ I have tried to prioritize building others’ confidence in what they may accomplish that will glorify God’s name and enhance the good which may be achieved through collaborative, energetic pursuits which might, at the time of the undertaking, seem daunting, but can become “doable” through application of spiritually-enriching resources available to us, whether those be in form of encouraging friends, insightful written perspectives, or more enlightened individuals upon whom we may call.
- ⇒ One of the most striking achievements accomplished by VP Mission Outreach Coordinator of Mission Awareness Carol Dehnke was illumination of mission grants which have been supported by LWML Michigan this past biennium. Carol acquired the technological skills to present on social media “Mission Mondays” facts about the ministries supported.
- ⇒ With the late 2023 appointment of Kathy Sowers to fill Coordinator of Gospel Outreach, the two coordinators determined to facilitate greater exposure of LWML, and independently generated expanded informational publicity.

**Members of Mission Outreach Committee
(Left to Right)**

- Kathy Sowers (Gospel Outreach Coordinator)
- Mary Craaybeek (VP Mission Outreach)
- Carol Dehnke (Mission Awareness Coordinator)



ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President of Organizational Resources - Marie Riley



“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him to help you do it and He will.” (Psalm 37:5)

The last two years have been a blessing and a joy; there has been growth and blessings, if I am being honest, many times have been overwhelming. There have been changeovers in my committee, as well as members taking on other responsibilities plus illness and new procedures to learn. Looking back, by working within this organization, I personally witnessed God’s love from the EC to the women in the pew. Leaders Guides and Bylaws will always change, but having the Lord to guide me will stay the same.

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- ⇒ Continues to keep members in LWML in my Prayers.
- ⇒ Reviewed and published, updated bylaws per amendments approved at the 2022 Convention. Submitted Proposed Bylaw changes at 2024 Convention as deemed necessary.
- ⇒ Continued working on Leaders Guide revisions.
- ⇒ We as a committee have found there is always so much more to do.
- ⇒ Our prayer and our trust is that the Lord will provide and use our feeble attempts to grow mountains.

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- ⇒ Presented at the Women’s Conference on Church Workers
- ⇒ Attended the LWML Convention in Milwaukee.
- ⇒ Represented LWML Michigan District at the ABIDE Conference for Church Workers.
- ⇒ Marlene Herzog has made available at least 50 Church Workers Binders to those new to the Michigan District, and filled special requests for church workers. She has made these binders full of information of LWML and personalized them to share the love of Jesus to the recipients.
- ⇒ Mentors, seasoned zone presidents and the newly elected zone presidents have prayed for each other as designed by Pat Morley and JoAnn Gust.
- ⇒ Denise Mosey has contacted, encouraged, and reviewed and approved new bylaws of over 10 zones of the Michigan District. Plus she has assisted with some groups’ bylaws as requested.
- ⇒ We have directed the women to www.LWML.org to see all that is available. Go see the Bible Studies, the Service Projects, the Devotions, and all the Structure Helps.

Members of Organizational Resource Committee: (Left to Right)

Marlene Herzog (Growth and Development)
Denise Mosey (Structure Coordinator)
Marie Riley (VP Organizational Resources)
JoAnn Gust (Leader Development Coordinator)



Treasurer - Jan McKee



“O Lord, I will honor and praise your name, for you are my God. You do such wonderful things! You planned them long ago, and now you have accomplished them.” (Isaiah 25:1)

I was appointed as the new Treasurer in November 2023. I have been working at learning all of the ins and outs of the position along with tidying up our records. My goals to finish out the 2022-2024 biennium have been:

- ⇒ Streamline the position duties of Treasurer.
- ⇒ Continue education on tools used in this position, especially Basecamp.

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- ⇒ I attend the monthly Dorcas meetings at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Millington, MI.
- ⇒ I attend a daily prayer group via Zoom that promotes uplifting women in business.
- ⇒ I volunteer twice a month at Beauty for Ashes, a women’s empowerment center in Flint, MI

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- ⇒ I attended the Franconian Fall Retreat and mentored them.

Financial Secretary - Carol Swenson



“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

I feel honored to have been able to serve as Financial Secretary these last 4 years, and it has been a wonderful experience working with and in getting to know the other District Board Members and several of the zone presidents, and to have been a help to the society and zone treasurers. God has blessed us all.

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I continually pray for the concerns of others, speaking with them often about God’s love for all of us, and offering to help. Working alongside women in my congregation on our local mission projects, and reminding them of the great work God does through our LWML mission grants. Participating in weekly Bible studies at church and a bi-monthly small group Bible study, and home Bible study. Encouraging women to reach outside of their normal routine to use their gifts God has given them.

Members of the Finance Committee:
(Left to Right)
Mary Craaybeek (VP Mission Outreach)
Carol Swenson (Financial Secretary)
Jan McKee (Treasurer)
MaryBeth Heikkinen (President)



ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

Senior Counselor - Rev. Richard Robinson



*“And he gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”
(Ephesians 4:11-12)*

As I conclude my term as LWML Pastoral Counselor, I leave you with this prayer and challenge;

This is my prayer for you: Father, fill each member with Your Holy Spirit. Grant them wisdom to see You at work in every aspect of their lives. Touch them with compassion, to put themselves in the place of everyone they touch. Bless the incoming and ongoing leaders with vision and courage: Vision, Lord, to dream big and to look high; Courage, Lord, to push beyond the easy and to do the awesome.

And this is my challenge to you: Deepen your faith, especially when your bodies are hurting, your hearts are torn, and your minds are troubled; Expand your reach, especially to the younger sisters, work with them like your life depends on it; Embrace each other, especially when you don't agree.

It has been my pleasure and deep privilege to work with the LWML ladies of the Michigan District. I have found you to be dedicated and efficient. May the next four years be a time of abundant blessings, fruitful ministry, and joyous service. Go forth with confidence, knowing that God is with you every step of the way.

Junior Counselor - Rev. David Winningham



“Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him and He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn” (Psalm 37:5-6)

As part of my duties, I have attended and participated in the various District functions (Executive Comm., Board of Directors, Fall Retreat, Convention Committee meetings, Outreach Comm meetings) National Assembly of Leaders, as well as some Zone rallies and local society events. I have led devotions, Bible Study and Prayer.

Wherever I go, I find the same thing: disciples of Jesus in our Lutheran Women in Mission. Our congregations are blessed with women who love the Lord Jesus, and who want to serve Him. Some serve in very overt ways; others behind the scenes, but all are serving the Lord with gladness.

I thank God for the wonderful, dedicated and very talented leadership with which I have served. Being grateful for them, and I pray that God would similarly bless the new crew of leaders, as well as the Missions whose grants we will approve and support. And for those that we are unable to support, may God bless them as well.

It is an honor and a blessing to serve with the blessed women of the LWML Michigan District. I thank you for this honor and opportunity.



ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

Recording Secretary - Denise Mosey



It is a great joy to serve as Recording Secretary for the District. I have served as Recording Secretary at the Zone and Group level. LWML has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. Serving the Lord has been such a blessing to me. I love spreading the word of God seeing the faces light up at convention.

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- ⇒ Attending Bible Studies
- ⇒ Helping unite women in fellowship in God's Word

"But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

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- ⇒ I attend all LWML MI District meetings. Bringing all information back to the group and zone.
- ⇒ Posting the ENews and LWML Michigan Women in Mission for all the ladies in my church.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Meeting Manager - Cheryl Zastrow



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- ⇒ Attended the weekly Sunday Morning Bible Study at St. John's Lutheran Church in Midland, MI.
- ⇒ Arranged the meeting places and box lunches for the EC meetings for the Michigan District in the months of February, May and November.
- ⇒ Arranged the meeting places and box lunches for the BOD meetings for the Michigan District in the months of March and September.
- ⇒ Arranged the meeting place and box lunches for the August EC/Assembly of Committees meeting.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs

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- ⇒ Attended the Bay Area Fall Retreat and mentored them.
- ⇒ Attended the Timberline Fall Retreat and mentored them.
- ⇒ Attended the Mid Michigan Fall Retreat and mentored them and participated in their Service projects.



APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Gift Planning Advocate - Susan Gruber



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

As the "Gift Planning Advocate" it is exciting to know that our final plans can include a gift to the LWML to continue God's work through our mites! Charitable trusts and gift annuities can provide donors and their families an income for life, special tax deductions, and the joy in knowing that the gift remainder can be designated to LWML and other LCMS ministries you designate. We can continue to "Serve the Lord with Gladness" after we are gone.

For more information about "Gifts of Love", please contact Susan Gruber at 734-625-5644 or contact our LWML Gift Planning Counselors, Linda Gage or Carol von Soosten, who are ready to help you put your wishes on paper to care for your family and impact ministry. LWML offers this free. www.lwmlgiftplan.org

Planner - Kaye Wolff



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pet 4:10)

The past four years have been a labor of love. Though my term has ended, I will continue to assist and support the work of the LWML Michigan District by an intentional outreach to young women and our Deaf sisters.

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- ⇒ Planned and presented at the Assembly of Committees (AOC)
- ⇒ Assisted to the Board of Directors on goals and objectives for the biennium
- ⇒ Led monthly Bible study using LWML material
- ⇒ Shared information gathered at district and zone board meetings
- ⇒ Assisted in the creation of documents for record retention and Dropbox storage.
- ⇒ Worked with Special Focus Ministries on Deaf outreach.
- ⇒ Supported the Nominating Committee on candidate selection
- ⇒ Mentor to 3 Zones, attended many of their meetings and events
- ⇒ Prepared and tabulated EC and BOD evaluations

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- ⇒ Visited several LCMS churches discussing participation in the LWML.
- ⇒ Presented Bible studies to local groups.
- ⇒ Assisted at an LWML exhibit at several events taking place in Michigan.
- ⇒ Distributed the LWQ magazine and LWML Michigan District Newsletter to non-active members as encouragement to become involved.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES



2024 Convention Co-Chairs
(L to R) Linda Murdock, Renita Wollberg, Ann Campbell



Grant Selection Committee:
(L to R) Carla Elenz., Mary Craaybeek, MaryBeth Heikkinen, Kathy Sowers, Carol Dehnke.
(Not pictured Rev. Richard Robinson, Rev. David Winningham)



Nominating Committee:
(L to R) Linda Blain, Carol Dehnke (Chair),
(Not pictured: Kara Rawlins)



Site Selection Committee:
(L to R) Laura Boeberitz, Ann Campbell,
MaryBeth Heikkinen, Tiffany Rydwelski

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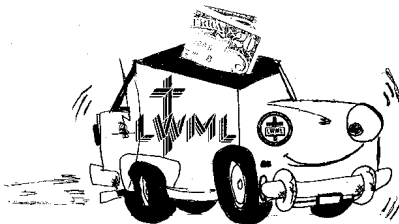
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Chick-fil-A, Walker (Friday Night Dinner for Pages, Stickers)
Thrivent (Notebooks for Prayer Room)
Gud Marketing, Joel Newport (Mission Grant Video Production)
St. John's Lutheran Church (General), Grand Haven
St. Julian Winery (General), Paw Paw

The assistance of these generous donors has been a blessing to make this event an enjoyable Christian experience for the women of our District!

2022-2024 MISSION GRANTS

LWML Michigan District Mission Grants 2022-2024 Biennium

		<u>Amt. Pd.</u>
1.	"I Was Naked and You Clothed Me" Orphan Grain Train	\$18,000
2.	Enriching Lives of Children and Families in Michigan's Urban Communities	\$25,000
3.	Scholarships for Dead Students	\$25,000
4.	Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Food and Clothing Coop	\$10,000
5.	God's Word for Teenagers Around the World	\$16,500
6.	Clark Park Street Ministry	\$5,000
7.	Scholarships for Female Students Studying as a Deaconess / Professional Church Worker	\$20,000
8.	Rising Need, Spiritual Opportunity	\$20,000
9.	Sharing the Light of Christ's Love with the Blind	\$25,000
10.	Shepherding the Sheep (MOST)	\$25,000
11.	Gifts for All God's Children (\$15,000 to be deferred to 2024-26)	\$10,000
12.	Expanding Christ's Love to Aging and Unchurched with TV	\$25,000
13.	Multi-Ethnic, Multi-Generational Church / POBLO	\$25,000
14.	Passenger Van for St. Paul Community Church	\$25,000
	Total Disbursed	\$371,000



To God be the Glory!

LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT and ZONE INFORMATION



The LWML Michigan District is comprised of:

29 Zones
261 Congregational Units / Churches
264 Groups / Faith Communities
3 Churches with 2 Societies



DIRECTORY OF DISTRICT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Michigan District 2022-2024
Elected and Appointed Officers and Committees

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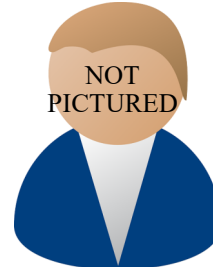
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Bay Area Zone President
Jan Pickelmann



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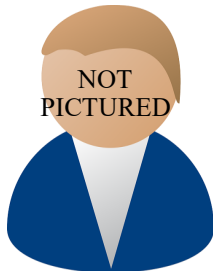
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ZONE PRESIDENTS



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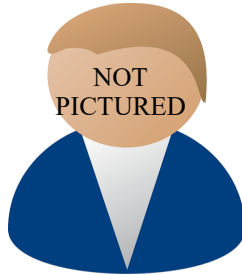
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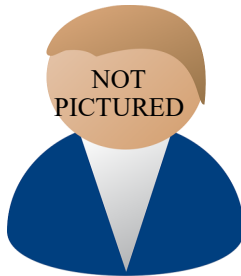
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Sue Poole



Nancy Berg

Wayne Oak Hills Co-Chairmen

Michigan District 80 Years of Blessings 1944-2024

	Date	Location & City	Attendees	Theme	Grants Funded	Goal Amount	# of Zones	President	Years Served
	October 24, 1944	St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	300					Minnie Schwinger	1944-48
1st	June 11, 1946	Bethlehem, Saginaw	69	Serve the Lord with Gladness	2	\$ 4,225	4	Minnie Schwinger	1944-48
2nd	June 10, 1948	Our Savior, Detroit	233		4	\$ 6,200	4	Rena Felton	1948-49
3rd	June 9, 1950	St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth	499	Thy Kingdom Come	4	\$8,500	5	Alma Rieck	1949-52
4th	May 15-16, 1952	Trinity Traverse City	468	I Am The Vine	4	\$10,000	7	Helen Deierlein	1952-56
5th	May 13-14, 1954	St. Paul, Flint	510	Onward & Forward with Christ	5	\$16,000	10	Helen Deierlein	1952-56
6th	June 14-15, 1956	Trinity, St. Joseph	548	Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me Do?	9	\$24,500	10	Helen Rammler	1956-60
7th	May 14-15, 1958	Our Saviour, Detroit	762	Be Ye Doers of the Word	5	\$26,000	13	Helen Rammler	1956-60
8th	June 22-23, 1960	Ferris Institute Big Rapids	766	A Closer Walk With God	3	\$32,000	16	Pauline Wiese	1960-64
9th	July 17-18, 1962	MSU, East Lansing	763	Together for Christ	3	\$35,000	17	Pauline Wiese	1960-64
10th	June 23-24, 1964	WMU, Kalamazoo	541	Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So	5	\$30,000	20	Helen Gienapp	1964-68
11th	July 19-21, 1966	Alma College, Alma	645	Live with Me, Lord	5	\$33,000	22	Helen Gienapp	1964-68
12th	July 16-18, 1968	Concordia Coll. Ann Arbor	640	He Lives	7	\$37,000	22	Madonna Ruhlig	1968-72
13th	July 14-16, 1970 25th Ann.	Concordia Coll. Ann Arbor	706	Grace, Glory, Gratitude	8	\$40,000	22	Madonna Ruhlig	1968-72
14th	July 18-20, 1972	Concordia Coll. Ann Arbor	778	Joy Is...	6	\$45,900	22	Emeline Goodman	1972-76
15th	July 23-25, 1974	Concordia Coll. Ann Arbor	832	Rise, Shine, Give God Glory	7	\$50,000	22	Emeline Goodman	1972-76
16th	July 20-22, 1976	Concordia Coll. Ann Arbor	911	Walking With My Lord	6	\$52,500	22	Viola Gruber	1976-80
17th	July 18-20, 1978	Long's Conv. Center, Lansing	676	By Word and Deed	7	\$58,000	23	Viola Gruber	1976-80
18th	July 22-24, 1980	Long's Conv. Center, Lansing	735	Sow God's Love	7	\$65,000	23	Edythe Azzam	1980-84
19th	July 13-15, 1982	Grand Center, Grand Rapids	911	Cast Your Cares	8	\$70,000	24	Edythe Azzam	1980-84
20th	July 17-19, 1984	Albion College, Albion	741	Reach Out With Christ: He is My Strength	7	\$72,000	24	Bea Larson	1984-88

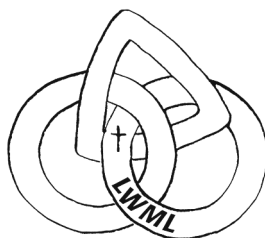
Michigan District 80 Years of Blessings 1944-2024 (Continued)

	Date	Location & City	Attendees	Theme	Grants Funded	Goal Amount	# of Zones	President	Years Served
21st	July 8-10, 1986	Boyne Mountain Lodge, Boyne Falls	904	Lift High the Cross	9	\$ 75,000	24	Bea Larsen	1984-88
22nd	July 12-14, 1988	Hope College, Holland	844	Shine Like the Son	11	\$ 100,000	24	Nancy Challis	1988-92
23rd	July 16-18, 1990	Lansing Center, Lansing	837	Look to the Lord	11	\$ 125,000	24	Nancy Challis	1988-92
24th	July 20-22, 1992	Holiday Inn South, Lansing	899	Close to His Heart	11	\$ 137,500	24	Kay Miller	1992-96
25th	July 18-20, 1994 50th Ann.	Holiday Inn South, Lansing	893	Join the Jubilee- Exalt His Name Together	11	\$ 140,500	25	Kay Miller	1992-96
26th	July 15-17, 1996	Holiday Inn South, Lansing	786	Knit Together in Love	9	\$ 145,000	25	Sandra Hardies	1996-2000
27th	July 20-22, 1998	Amway Grand, Grand Rapids	805	Walk in the Light of Christ	9	\$ 150,000	25	Sandra Hardies	1996-2000
28th	July 14-16, 2000	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	733	Free in the Spirit	10	\$ 156,000	25	Barbara Hoffmeier	2000-2004
29th	July 12-14, 2002	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	705	Great is The Love	12	\$ 160,000	25	Barbara Hoffmeier	2000-2004
30th	July 16-18, 2004 60th Ann.	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	710	Celebrate the Hope	14	\$ 200,000	25	Anita Beyersdorf	2004-2008
31st	July 21-23, 2006	Amway Grand, Grand Rapids	737	Called to Be One	13	\$ 220,000	31	Anita Beyersdorf	2004-2008
32nd	July 18-20, 2008	Lansing Radisson & Lansing Center	716	Jesus, Our Anchor	16	\$ 230,000	31	Cheri Fish	2008-2012
33rd	July 9-11, 2010	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	647	Beautiful Feet	14	\$ 230,000	31	Cheri Fish	2008-2012
34th	July 20-22, 2012	Hyatt Regency, Dearborn	607	Now Go!	11	\$235,000	30	Willie Marie Henry	2012-2016
35th	July 18-20, 2014	Radisson, Kalamazoo	615	Peace I Leave with You	12	\$235,000	30	Willie Marie Henry	2012-2016
36th	July 29-31, 2016	Boyne Mountain Boyne Falls	681	Chosen to Bear Lasting Fruit	13	\$235,000	30	Susan Gruber	2016-2020
37th	July 20-22, 2018	Bluewater Conv Ctr Port Huron	543	Shout for JOY to God!	12	\$242,050	29	Susan Gruber	2016-2020
38th	July 11, 2020	Virtual	Virtual	They Saw the Lord!	14	\$348,438	29	MaryBeth Heikkinen	2020-2024
39th	July 7-9, 2022	Bavarian Inn Lodge/ St. Lorenz WEC, Frankenmuth	520	My Sheep Hear My Voice	14	\$386,000	29	MaryBeth Heikkinen	2020-2024
40th	June 28-30, 2024	Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids		Taste and See the Lord is Good!			29	TBD	

PAST DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Past Presidents Lutheran Women's Missionary League Michigan District

*Minnie Schwinger, (Mrs. Louis), Saginaw, MI	1944 – 1948
*Rena Felten, (Mrs. Victor), Valparaiso, IN	1948 – 1949
*Alma Rieck, (Mrs. Julius), Detroit, MI	1949 – 1951
*Helen Deierlein, (Mrs. Richard), Detroit, MI	1952 – 1956
*Helen Rammler, (Mrs. Harold), Monroe, MI	1956 – 1960
*Pauline Wiese, (Mrs. Erwin), Union Lake, MI	1960 – 1964
*Helen Gienapp, (Mrs. Walter), Ferndale, MI	1964 – 1968
*Madonna Ruhlig, (Mrs. Albert), Dexter, MI	1968 – 1972
Emy Goodman, (Mrs. Max), Saginaw, MI	1972 – 1976
*Viola Gruber, (Mrs. Clemens), Monroe, MI	1976 – 1980
*Edythe Azzam, (Mrs. Edward), Athens, AL	1980 – 1984
*Beatrice Larson, (Mrs. Lloyd), Cassopolis, MI	1984 – 1988
Nancy Challis, (Mrs. Richard), Oviedo, FL	1988 – 1992
*Kay Miller, (Mrs. Everett), Vassar, MI	1992 – 1996
Sandra Hardies, (Mrs. Renwood), Canadian Lakes, MI	1996 – 2000
Barbara Hoffmeier (Mrs. Willis), Northville, MI	2000 – 2004
Anita Beyersdorf (Mrs. David), Hemlock, MI	2004 – 2008
Cheri Fish (Mrs. Dale), Bay City, MI	2008 – 2012
Willie Marie Henry (Mrs. Oliver), Detroit, MI	2012 – 2016
Susan Gruber, Monroe, MI	2016 – 2020
MaryBeth Heikkinen, Vassar, MI	2020 – 2024



* *signifies deceased*

APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A Note of Love and Appreciation to Outgoing Officers

We thank you...

MaryBeth Heikkinen
Mary Craaybeek
Marie Riley
Sandy Newport
Carol Swenson
Rev. Richard Robinson

President
Vice President of Mission Outreach
Vice President of Organizational Resources
Vice President of Communication
Financial Secretary
Senior Counselor

On behalf of the LWML Michigan District, we thank you for all the time, effort and talent you have put into your offices. You have faithfully performed your various tasks and helped us achieve the goals and objectives of the District as Lutheran Women in Mission. Your leadership and unique personalities have blessed us and shown us how great God's love is. Thank you for sharing His love with everyone. May God bless you as you continue in His work wherever He leads you!

Executive Committee 2022 - 2024



Top Row: MaryBeth Heikkinen, Ann Campbell, Sandy Newport, Laura Boeberitz and Mary Craaybeek

Middle Row: Marie Riley, Jan McKee, Carol Swenson, Denise Mosey and Cheryl Zastrow

Bottom Row: Kaye Wolff, Rev. David Winningham, Rev. Richard Robinson, Linda Haven

Songs of Praise and Worship

1. 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never be - fore, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song a - gain
What - ever may pass and what - ever lies be - fore me
Let me be singing when the ev' - ning comes

Chorus 1

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus 2

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never be - fore, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise un - ending
Ten thousand years and then for - ev - er more

Chorus 3

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never be - fore, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name
Yes I will worship Your holy name, Lord I worship Your holy name

Tag

Sing like never be - fore, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name
Yes I will worship Your holy name, Lord I worship Your holy name

2. Amen

Verse 1

Be - hold Je - hovah seated on the throne
Abba, Father, the Well that over - flows
The God who was and is and shall be for - ever - more
Holy is the Lord

Chorus 1

A - men, a - men, blessing and honor
And glory and power, a - men
A - men, a - men, blessing and honor
And glory and power, a - men

Verse 2

Be - hold the Way, the Truth and the Life
Perfect Saviour, the Blood that washed us white
The God who was and is and shall be for - ever - more
Holy is the Lord

Chorus 2

A - men, a - men, blessing and honour
And glory and power, a - men
A - men, a - men, blessing and honour
And glory and power, a - men

Bridge 1

Holiness has a name and it's Jesus
Victory has a name and it's Jesus
The Word has a name and it's Jesus
Re - demption has a name and it's Jesus

Bridge 2

Holiness has a name and it's Jesus
Victory has a name and it's Jesus
The Word has a name and it's Jesus
Re - demption has a name and it's Jesus

Chorus 3

A - men, a - men, blessing and honor
And glory and power, a - men
A - men, a - men, blessing and honor
And glory and power, a - men

Chorus 4

A - men, a - men, blessing and honour
And glory and power, a - men
A - men, a - men, blessing and honour
And glory and power, a - men

3. Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You. Oh, we live for You

Chorus 1

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none be - side You,
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

Instrumental (2x)

Songs of Praise and Worship (Continued)_

Bridge (2x)

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You a - lone, and I will not be shaken

Chorus 2

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You, open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

End

4. Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Je - sus' Name

Chorus 1

Christ a - lone, Corner - stone
weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

Interlude

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His un - changing grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus 2

Christ a - lone, Corner - stone
weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all
He is Lord, Lord of a - ll

Chorus 3

Christ a - lone, Corner - stone
weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

Instrumental

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteous - ness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

5. I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

6. Dancing On The Waves

Intro

Verse 1

I'm standing at your door, my heart is calling yours
Come fall in - to my arms
You're weary from it all, been running for too long
I'm here to bring you home

Chorus

I'm reaching out, I'll chase you down
I dare you to believe how much I love you now
Don't be afraid, I am your strength
We'll be walking on the water, dancing on the waves

Intro

Verse 2

Look up and lift your eyes, the future's open wide
I have great plans for you
Your past is dead and gone, your healing has be - gun
I'm making all things new, oh

Chorus

Instrumental

Bridge 1

I set every star into place so you would remember my name
I made it all for you
You are my masterpiece, you are the reason I sing
This is my song for you

Bridge 2

I set every star into place so you would remember my name
I made it all for you
But you are my masterpiece, you are the reason I sing
This is my song for you

Chorus

Tag

Oh we're walking on the water, dancing on the waves

Outro

Songs of Praise and Worship (Continued)

7. Gratitude

Intro

Verse 1

All my words fall short, I got nothing new
How could I express all my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs, as I often do
But every song must end and You never do

Chorus 1

So I throw up my hands, and praise You again and a - gain
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, halle - lujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, halle - lu - jah

Verse 3

I've got one response, I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You

Chorus 1

Interlude (2x)

Bridge 1

So come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion
In - side of those lungs, get up and praise the Lord

Bridge 2

Oh come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion
In - side of those lungs, get up and praise the Lord, hey

Instrumental 1 (2x)

Transition 1

Chorus 2

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelu - jah

8. I Believe

Intro (2x)

Verse 1

I believe there is one salvation, one doorway that leads to life
One redemption, one confession,
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

I believe in the crucifixion, by His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection, Hallelujah,
His life is death's de - feat

Chorus 1

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name, I be - lieve

Interlude

I believe, I be - lieve

Verse 3

I believe in the hope of heaven, He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine,
Ears have heard or eyes have seen
I believe that a day is coming, He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar, keep it burning,
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

Chorus 2

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name, I be - lieve

Instrumental

Bridge (2x)

No I'll never be a - shamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk a - way from the One who saved my life

Tag

Chorus 3

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit, our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name, I be - lieve

9. In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ a - lone my hope is found,
He is my light my strength my song
This corner - stone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comfort - er, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand

Intro

Verse 2

In Christ a - lone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love, and righteous - ness,
scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satis - fied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live

Intro

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave, He rose a - gain
And as He stands in victo - ry,
sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ

Intro (2x)

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus com - mands my desti - ny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He re - turns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Songs of Praise and Worship (Continued)

10. Holy Forever

Intro

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will be - lieve
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus 1

Your name is the high - est, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and domin - ions, all pow'rs and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, ho - ly, all creation cries, Ho - ly
You are lifted high, ho - ly, holy for - ever

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been re - deemed
Sing the song for - ever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song for - ever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song for - ever and a - men

Chorus 2

And the angels cry, ho - ly, all creation cries, Ho - ly
You are lifted high, ho - ly, holy for - ever
Hear your peo - ple sing, ho - ly to the King of Kings, ho - ly
You will always be, ho - ly, holy for - ever

Pre-Chorus 1

Your name is the high - est, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and domin - ions, all pow'rs and positions
Your name stands above them all, Jesus

Pre-Chorus 2

Chorus 2

Tag

You will always be, ho - ly, holy for - ever

11. God So Loved

Intro

Verse 1

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what You're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Who - ever believes in Him will live for - ever

Break

Verse 3

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with o - pen arms
See His open arms

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Who - ever believes in Him will live for - ever

Chorus 2

The pow'r of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Bridge 1

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love

Bridge 2

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love

Break

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Chorus 1

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Chorus 2

The pow'r of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Tag

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

12. King Of Kings

Intro (2x)

Verse 1

In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light
'Till from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To ful - fill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

Intro

Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise for - ever to the King of Kings

Intro

Verse 2

To re - veal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To re - deem the whole cre - ation, You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our sal - vation, Jesus for our sake You died

Intro

Chorus

Intro

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held it's breath
'Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are re - stored

Songs of Praise and Worship (Continued)

Verse 4

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

Intro

Chorus

Tag

Praise for - ever to the King of Kings

Intro

13. What is This Bread

1 What is this bread?

Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break,
This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

2 What is this wine?

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace
Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

3 So who am I,

That I should live and He should die
Under the rod?
My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here?

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul
He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

5 Is this for me?

I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe
That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

14. Kyrie Eleison

Intro

Verse

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to re - pentance
Bring us back a - gain

Chorus 1 (2x)

For Your Name is great and Your heart is grace, Kyrie elei - son
Over all Your reign, You a - lone can save, Kyrie elei - son
Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy on us now

Bridge 1

Who is this God who pardons all our sin
So ready to for - give, You de - light to show your mer - cy
Who is this God who pardons all our sin
So ready to for - give, You de - light to show your mer - cy

Bridge 2

Who is this God who pardons all our sin
So ready to for - give, You de - light to show Your mer - cy
Who is this God who pardons all our sin
So ready to for - give, You de - light to show Your mer - cy

Chorus 2

For Your Name is great and Your heart is grace, Kyrie elei - son
Over all Your reign, You a - lone can save, Kyrie elei - son
For Your Name is great and Your heart is grace, Kyrie elei - son
Over all Your reign, You a - lone can save, Kyrie elei - son
Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy
Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy
Christ have mer - cy on us now

Tag

15. Lord I Need You

Intro

Verse 1

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall a - part
You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where You are
Where You are, Lord I am free
Holi - ness is Christ in me

Chorus

Lord I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

Songs of Praise and Worship (Continued)

Tag

You're my one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You
My one de - fense, my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

16. Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Intro

Verse 1

You call me out u - pon the waters
The great unknown, where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep, my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Interlude

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear sur - rounds me You've
never failed and You won't start now **Chorus 1**

Interlude

Instrumental 1

Bridge 1

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders Let
me walk upon the waters,
Where - ever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger,
In the presence of my Savior

Bridge 2

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders Let
me walk upon the waters,
Where - ever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger,
In the presence of my Savior

Bridge 3

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders Let
me walk upon the waters,
Where - ever You would call me
take me deeper than my feet could ever wander And
my faith will be made stronger, in the presence of
my Savior

Instrumental 2 (2x)

Tag

I will call upon Your Name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your em - brace
I am Yours and You are mine

Ending

17. O Praise The Name

Intro (2x)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary,
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet,
My Savior on that cursed tree

Intro

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all a - lone

Intro

Chorus 1

O praise the name of the Lord our God,
O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Intro

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose a - gain
O trampled death where is your sting,
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus 2

O praise the name of the Lord our God,
O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Verse 4

He shall re - turn in robes of white,
The blazing Son shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Instrumental

Chorus 2

Chorus 3

O praise the name of the Lord our God,
O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Ending

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

18. The Heart Of Worship

Intro

Verse 1

When the music fades
All is stripped away and I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth that will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear, You're looking into my heart

Songs of Praise and Worship (Continued)

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth
No one could express how much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours, every single breath

Pre-Chorus

Chorus (2x)

End

19. New Doxology

Intro

Verse 1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Verse 2

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim,
The pow'r and might of His great name
Let us exalt on bended knee,
Praise God the holy Trin - i - ty

Chorus

Praise God, praise God,
Praise God Who saved my soul
Praise God, praise God,
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Intro

Verse 3

Praise to the King His throne transcends,
His crown and Kingdom never ends
Now and throughout eternity,
I'll praise the One Who died for me

Chorus (2x)

Intro

Verse 1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

20. The Commission

Verse 1

See my hands, look at my feet
It's o - kay, if it's hard to be - lieve
I have faith you will do great - er things
It's my time to go, but be - fore I leave

Chorus 1

Go tell the world a - bout me
I was dead, but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But good - bye is not the end

Verse 2

Don't for - get the things that I taught you
I conquered death and I hold the keys
Where I go you will go too, some - day

There's much to do here before you le - ave

Chorus 1

Go tell the world a - bout me
I was dead, but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But good - bye is not the

Bridge

End of the journey, the end of the road
My spirit is with you wher - ever you go
You have a pur - pose, and I have a plan
I'll make you this promise, I'll come back again,
but until then

Chorus 2

Go tell the world a - bout me
I was dead, but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But good - bye is not the end

21. The Blessing

Intro

Verse 1

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus 1

A- men a - men, a- men
A- men, a - men, a - men

Verse 1

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus 2 (2x)

A- men, a - men, a - men
A- men, a- men, a- men

Interlude

Bridge 1

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations
And your family and your children and their children and their children

Bridge 2

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you

All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning, in the evening, in Your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you

Bridge 4

He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you

Chorus 2

A- men, a - men, a- men
A- men, a - men, a - men